

Earth Day Poetry Contest 2021: Guidelines

Entries are due by **Midnight, April 30, 2021**. Winners will be chosen by a panel of published authors, and environmentalists by June 5, World Environment Day. Winners will have the opportunity to read their poetry aloud on stage during Earthtober, Earth Day in October. Their work will also be published on the Shenandoah Green Website.

First, second and third place winners will be chosen from the following three categories if enough entries are received for each:

- Elementary School
- Middle & High School
- Adult

Please keep poems to **one** side of an 8 1/2 x 11 paper and no more than **250 words maximum**. Include a **title** for the poem, but for anonymous judging, please do not include your name. Under the title, put the age category.

On a separate cover sheet, include the **TITLE OF POEM, POET'S FULL NAME, AGE, SCHOOL NAME (IF POET IS A STUDENT), PHONE #, EMAIL ADDRESS AND/OR STREET ADDRESS.**

Send entries to Shenandoahgreen@gmail.com in an attached **word document** or mail a hard copy to Shenandoah Green, 202 S. Lewis Street, Staunton, VA 24401.

Classroom teachers please judge your students' writing beforehand and only send in the top three winners from a single classroom. If judging is close, you may include a fourth alternate winner.