



2026

Blount County is Awesome by Nature

Poetry Contest - General information:

1. The Poetry Contest is open to adults and teens (13-19 years old) living in Alabama.
2. Six entries total per person will be accepted April 1 - June 30, 2026. The six entries can be all poetry OR a combination of poetry, photos, artwork or short video-clips from any of the categories.
3. Our theme for 2026 is **“Wild.”** Poems may be in any style or form but must take inspiration from things or situations in Nature in any form that inspires you.
4. Poems may be no longer than 20 lines.
5. Poet must be from Blount County -OR- poem must be inspired by time spent in Blount County.
*Include in your entry your poem’s connection to Blount County, such as the location in Blount County that inspired your poem.
6. There is no entry fee.

Three prizes will be awarded:

Adult prize - \$100	Teen prize - \$50	People’s Choice prize - \$25
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Rules for Poetry Contest:

1. To submit poems:
 - a. Register your name and information: Go to FLFR.org and click on: 2026 Art, Photo & Video Contest. Upon registration, you will be assigned a transaction ID#.
 - b. **Email** the poems with your ID number, your connection to Blount County to irene@irenelatham.com with **“FLFR Poetry Contest”** in the subject line.
2. Entries will be accepted April 1 - June 30, 2026.
3. If you win you agree to be recorded for a short video clip about yourself that will be uploaded to FLFR's Youtube channel, Facebook and Instagram.

Notification & Award Ceremony:

- Winners will be notified by email no later than August 31, 2026.
- Prizes will be awarded to each winning poet at the Awards Ceremony in the fall.

Traveling Exhibit:

The winning poems will be displayed at various locations in Blount County.

If you have any questions email irene@irenelatham.com or info@flfral.com
Or write: FLFR, PO Box 638, Cleveland, AL 35049