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The Griot Collective Poetry Contest for West Tennessee Students

The Griot (pronounced “gree oh”) Collective of West Tennessee celebrates Black History Month with its annual poetry contest for all school age children throughout west Tennessee. Poems can be of any length, style or subject. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in the following categories: Grades 1 through 5, Grades 6 through 8 and Grades 9 through 12. Winners will have their entries published in the CSE, a weekly newspaper.

The Griot Collective is a 501c(3) literary arts organization that sponsors monthly poetry workshops for adults and high schoolers, poetry contests, open mics and a Visiting Writers Series. Contest guidelines are also available on the Griot Collective’s website and Facebook page.

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- 1) Open to all students throughout West Tennessee
 - 2) Poems may be on any subject, length or style
 - 3) One poem per student
 - 4) Poems must be typed or legibly printed
 - 5) All poems must include in the upper right hand corner: student's name, address, home phone number, school name and teacher's name
 - 6) Poems should be emailed to: thegriotcollective@yahoo.com.
 - 7) Contest winners will be selected from grades 1-5, grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. First place winners in each category will receive \$35, second place winners in each category will receive \$25 and third place winners in each category will receive \$15
 - 8) Contest opens Feb. 1 and ends Feb. 28. All poems must be emailed by Feb. 28. Entries received after Feb. 28 are ineligible
 - 9) Winners will be contacted the second week in March
 - 10) Contest winners will be published in the CSE weekly newspaper.
 - 11) Contest will be judged by poet Richard Boada, author of three collections of poetry and professor of English at Lane College.
 - 12) Contest guidelines are also available at:
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