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• SCCC/ATS Area residents ages 14 and older are invited to enter a poetry contest sponsored by the English Department at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School. Cash and other prizes will be awarded, and the winners will read their poems at the Poetry Coffee House on April 18 at SCCC/ATS. The college has sponsored a contest for high school students for a couple of years, but this is the first year for the open category.



The open category is for anyone ages 14 through adult who lives in Seward County or a bordering county. The contest also features a scholarship category, open to high school juniors and seniors. Each contestant may submit up to three poems, and there is no entry fee. Poems will be judged anonymously by an outside judge and winners will be announced at the April 18 Poetry Coffeehouse, which is open to the public. Prizes in the open category are \$25 in cash and other prizes for first place; \$15 in cash and other prizes for second; and \$10 in cash and other prizes for third. In addition, the judge may select honorable mention recipients, who will receive certificates and be invited to read at the Poetry Coffee House. In the scholarship category, first place will receive a \$100 scholarship to SCCC/ATS, \$25 in cash, and other prizes. Second place will be awarded a \$100 scholarship, \$15 in cash, and other prizes. Third prize is \$15 in cash, plus other prizes.

The contest and Poetry Coffee House will take place in conjunction with National Poetry Month in April.

“After starting small with a contest for high school students, we are ready to open up the contest to the community,” said Janice Northern, SCCC/ATS English instructor. “We have had a great turn-out at the Coffee House each year, and we want to give others out there a chance to show off their talent.”

Entries will be judged on originality, quality, skillful use of language and poetic devices, and freedom from errors. Entries may be hand-delivered to SCCC/ATS, mailed, or emailed. An official entry form must accompany each submission. Complete rules and an entry form are available on the college web site at [www.sccc.edu](http://www.sccc.edu). (On the home page, go to Academics > Academic Divisions > Humanities & Social Sciences > Events > Poetry Coffee House.) Rules and entry forms may also be picked up in the Humanities Office at SCCC/ATS.

## **College adds new category to annual poetry contest**

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For more information, or to request an entry form and a complete list of the rules, contact Janice Northern at 620-417-1456 or [jnorth@swko.net](mailto:jnorth@swko.net)