



2012 Poetry Center Contests

Submissions Now Being Accepted

The Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College offers four contests annually for poets and writers of all ages. The period for submitting entries for 2012 prizes is now open. A brief description of contest guidelines and deadlines are as follows:

- **The Allen Ginsberg Poetry Awards**, honoring Allen Ginsberg's contribution to American Literature – the first prize winner will receive \$1,000; second prize, \$200; and third prize, \$100. The entry fee of \$18 covers the cost of a subscription to *The Paterson Literary Review*, in which the winning poems will be published. Postmark deadline is **April 1, 2012**.
- **The Paterson Poetry Prize** – \$1,000 award for a book of poems, 48 pages or more in length, with a minimum print run of 500, which, in the opinion of our judges, is the strongest collection of poems published in 2011. The prize is to be equally divided between the poet and the publisher. Postmark deadline is **February 1, 2012**.
- **The Paterson Prize for Books for Young People** – \$500 award for a book in each age category (Pre-K - Grade 3, Grades 4 – 6, Grades 7 – 12), which is deemed by our judges to be the outstanding book for young people published in 2011. Postmark deadline is **March 15, 2012**.
- **The Paterson Fiction Prize** – \$1,000 award for a novel or collection of short fiction selected by our judges as the finest work of fiction published in 2011. Postmark deadline is **April 1, 2012**.

For more detailed guidelines and entry forms, please visit www.pccc.edu/poetry or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope (S.A.S.E.) to Maria Mazziotti Gillan, Executive Director, Poetry Center, Passaic County Community College, One College Boulevard, Paterson, N.J. 07505-1179. Please mark your envelope with the contest name.

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