



Young Poets' Competition 2022

Islamic Society of South Australia (ISSA) in partnership with City of Marion invites young poets from the age of 10 to 25 to submit their creative writing. This competition is open to all young people living in ^{*1}City of Marion. The theme for 2022 competition is 'A tribute to our ^{*2}**Covid-19 Warriors** (frontliners/essential workers)'.

Objectives:

This competition is to celebrate the positive contributions that our ^{*2}**Covid-19 Warriors** make during 2020-2021 lockdown/restrictions period to ensure continuity of services and safety of our community.

This initiative also empowers young people to pen their thoughts and feelings; an opportunity for them to express themselves and getting their voices heard.

Theme: A tribute to our Covid-19 ^{*2}warriors

Entry opens: 20 July 2022

Entry closes: 16 September 2022

Word limit: 50 lines or 750 words

Entry fee: Free

Categories for submission

Cat 1 – age 10 to 14 years;

Cat 2 – age 15 to 19 years;

Cat 3 – age 20 to 25 years

Prizes (for each category)

1st prize - \$200, 2nd prize - \$150, 3rd prize - \$100

Winners will be announced on 03 October 2022 and notified via email.

Winning entries will be published in Islamic Society of South Australia's website.

Prize ceremony will be held on ^{*3}29 October 2022, in conjunction with National Mosque Open Day.

^{*1} The City of Marion includes the suburbs of Ascot Park, Bedford Park (part), Clovelly Park, Darlington (part), Dover Gardens, Edwardstown, Glandore (part), Glengowrie, Hallett Cove (part), Marino, Marion, Mitchell Park, Morphettville, O'Halloran Hill (part), Oaklands Park, Park Holme, Plympton Park, Reynella (part), Seaciff Park (part), Seacombe Gardens, Seacombe Heights, Seaview Downs, Sheidow Park (part), South Plympton, Sturt, Tonsley, Trott Park and Warradale.

^{*2} refer to Addendum A for definition of Covid-19 Warriors

^{*3} Date will be finalized in September 2022 and winners will be notified of any changes.



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Poetry Competition 2022 Rules:

1. The closing date is 16 September. Late entries will not be accepted.
2. This competition is open to young people living in *City of Marion.
3. Only **ONE** (1) poem will be accepted per writer. All poems submitted must be in **English** language.
4. Poem is to be typed and must limit within 50 lines or 750 words or less.
5. All poems submitted must be **100% original** and must not contain any words or language that could be deemed vulgar or offensive.
6. Poem submission must adhere to following format:

A Bird, came down the Walk - (359)
BY EMILY DICKINSON

Line → A Bird, came down the Walk -
Line → He did not know I saw -
Line → He bit an Angle Worm in halves
Line → And ate the fellow, raw,

Stanza

Stanza { And then, he drank a Dew ← Line
From a convenient Grass - ← Line
And then hopped sidewise to the Wall ← Line
To let a Beetle pass - ← Line

Poem title

Entrant's name

7. A separate entry form stating name, address, phone number and email address must be submitted too. The entrants' contact details **must ONLY** appear on the entry form and not on the poem page.
8. Entries shall be submitted **ONLINE** via ISSA website:
<https://islamicsocietysa.org.au/young-poets-competition-2022-submit-your-entry-today/>
9. All entrants must agree that ISSA reserves the right to publish, broadcast or publicly perform all submitted work for promotional purposes only.
10. Entries will not be returned. No corrections or alterations can be made after receipt of entry.

JUDGING

Competition judges have been appointed by Islamic Society of South Australia and the judges' decision will be final with no correspondence being entered into.

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Addendum A – Definition of Covid-19 Warriors

Frontline/essential workers - people working for the nation, society, community and for other families to be safe during the pandemic.

This list is by no means exhaustive, but it shows the kind of range that make up our Covid-19 warriors.

1. health workers such as nurses, doctors, paramedics etc
2. defence services such as police, firefighter, state emergency services, security services, military etc
3. people in transport services such as bus drivers, taxi drivers, ride share, air transport, rail transport etc
4. people providing essential services such as supermarket, utilities (gas, water, electricity), critical repairs, vehicle repairs etc
5. funeral services
6. government services
7. care services such as aged care, disability, homelessness etc
8. school services such as teachers, admin, childcare etc
9. postal services such as Au Post, Star Track, DHL etc
10. hospitality and food services such as hotels, fast food, café etc
11. factory workers in abattoirs, food packaging, warehousing etc
12. truck and freight services
13. urgent services for the health and safety of person, animal or premises
14. Mums, dads, grandparents, guardians, nanny etc

