



Hi, Teachers!

Looking for a creative way to explore STEAM concepts and support integrated learning with your students *and* get a jump on National Poetry Month for April?

Look no further! Junior high, high school and college students can participate in our annual STEAM poetry-video contest, in which older students create a one-minute STEAM poetry video younger for students. No entry fee. Cash prizes! As the perfect project for April Poetry Month, you may offer the contest as a fun makerspace project, midterm project, extra credit, or embed it in the curriculum. With an offer of cash prizes, our contest is designed to promote poetry, spark creativity and enhance technology skills, as older students create STEAM poetry videos for K-5th grade students—truly a win-win situation!

If you are an English/Media teacher, college or university professor of Children's Literacy, Elementary Education, School of Library Studies (or similar studies), Media/Technology/ Video Production Instructor, I hope you'll consider offering this contest to you students. Don't miss this great opportunity. Hurry! Registration ends soon!

HOW DOES THE CONTEST WORK?

After registering, participating instructors will receive our STEAM Poetry Packet which contains 20 to 30 kid-friendly STEAM poems and contest guidelines. Students choose a poem and create an engaging 1-minute video geared for younger students using a film format of their choosing: photography, clip art or live actors. Instructors collect and submit the video links to STEAM Powered Poetry. After judges make their selections, the instructor is notified, and cash prizes

are awarded. ALL high-quality videos will be posted on the STEAM Powered Poetry blog. There is no entry fee.

HOW DOES THE CONTEST MOTIVATE STUDENTS?

Friendly competition, teamwork, and the opportunity to be creative and self-expressive will motivate some students. Others may be incentivized by the chance to win cash prizes—up to \$100. Additionally, library media specialists may offer this contest as a makerspace project for junior high school students, while professors and upper-grade educators may opt to offer the contest as extra credit, or, incorporate it into the curriculum for grade points.

3 REASONS TO HOST A STEAM POWERED POETRY CONTEST:

- Your students will read a variety of kid-friendly, educational poems in a variety of poetry forms.
- Your students will hone their media-making and technology skills.
- The videos created by your students will not only help instill a love of poetry in grade school children, but give them mini-lessons in science, technology, engineering, art and math—videos they can watch at school or from home.

READ ABOUT THE CONTEST: <https://steampoweredpoetry.com/contest/>

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--The STEAM Team