



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Submission Requirements for Prizes

Each applicant is required to submit:

1. a portfolio of three (3) to six (6) original poems (poems should be typed on plain paper and pages should be numbered)
2. a completed application form
3. a signed legal release form
4. a copy of a government-issued photo identification indicating AGE and ADDRESS (eg. Passport, driver's license).

**Deadline: for Submissions: Friday, March 1, 2024**

*Applicants may submit to only one of the prizes*

Submissions may be sent via email to [submit@nlj.gov.jm](mailto:submit@nlj.gov.jm)

Physical submissions should be delivered in a sealed envelope to:

**Poet Laureate of Jamaica Programme**

**National Library of Jamaica**

**12 East Street**

**Kingston**

Please do not include file jackets or project folders in physical submissions.

### Judging and Selection

- Judging will be carried out by a panel, led by the Poet Laureate of Jamaica, at the National Library of Jamaica
- The decision of the judges is final and unanimous.
- The winners will be announced in March 2024

For further information, please contact:

[poetlaureate@nlj.gov.jm](mailto:poetlaureate@nlj.gov.jm)

National Library of Jamaica

12 East Street

Kingston

Tel: (876) 967-1526, 967-2516, 967-2494, 967-2496



## 1. Poet Laureate of Jamaica Young Writer's Prize for Poetry

The National Library of Jamaica is proud to announce the 2023/2024 cycle of the **Poet Laureate of Jamaica Young Writer's Prize for Poetry**. Inspired by the slogan "*I See my Land...*", the prize specifically focuses on the use of eco-poetics or writing poetry about the environment.

The winner of the prize will receive \$1,000 US dollars, as well as an invitation to participate in an award ceremony to be held in Kingston in March 2024. **The Poet Laureate of Jamaica Young Writer's Prize for Poetry** affords shortlisted applicants the opportunity to have their work critically reviewed by Ms. Olive Senior, Poet Laureate of Jamaica

### Eligibility

- The prize is open to Jamaican nationals between the ages of 18 and 25 years.
- The submitted poems must be the original work of the applicant.
- Poems should possess a thematic focus on any aspect of the Jamaican or Caribbean natural environment.
- Poems submitted for this prize should not have been previously published.

### **Submission Requirements for All Prizes**

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### Judging and Selection

- Judging will be conducted by a panel at the National Library of Jamaica.
- Review notes will be submitted to a final judging panel for scoring.
- The decision of the judges is final and unanimous.
- The winners will be announced in March 2024.



## 2. Edward Baugh Prize for Poetry

The National Library of Jamaica is proud to announce the 2023/2024 cycle of the **Edward Baugh Prize for Poetry**. This prize category is open to poets residing in the eastern end of the island (namely, the parishes of Kingston, St. Andrew, St. Thomas, and Portland). The prize will include a cash award of US\$1,000.

### Eligibility

- The prize is open to Jamaican nationals 18 years and older
- Applicants must reside in one of the eastern parishes, namely Kingston, St. Andrew, St. Thomas, and Portland
- The submitted poems must be the original work of the applicant
- Poems may be written on any subject of the applicant's choosing
- Poems submitted for this prize should not have been previously published

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### 3. The Michael Cooke Prize for Poetry

The National Library of Jamaica is proud to announce the 2023/2024 cycle of the **Michael Cooke Prize for Poetry**. This prize category is open to poets residing in the western end of the island (namely, Hanover, Westmoreland, St. Elizabeth, St. James, and Trelawny). The prize will include a cash award of US\$1,000.

#### Eligibility

- The prize is open to Jamaican nationals 18 years and older
- Applicants must reside in one of the western parishes, namely Hanover, Westmoreland, St. Elizabeth, St. James, and Trelawny
- The submitted poems must be the original work of the applicant
- Poems may be written on any subject of the applicant's choosing
- Poems submitted for this prize should not have been previously published

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#### 4. The Louise Bennett Coverley Prize for Poetry

The National Library of Jamaica is proud to announce the 2023/2024 cycle **of Louise Bennett Coverley Prize for Poetry**. This prize category is open to poets residing in any of the central parishes of the island (namely, Clarendon, St. Ann, St. Mary, Manchester, and St. Catherine). The award will include a cash prize of US\$1,000.

##### Eligibility

- The prize is open to Jamaican nationals 18 years and older.
- Applicants must reside in one of the following parishes (Clarendon, St. Ann, St. Mary, Manchester, and St. Catherine)
- The submitted poems must be the original work of the applicant
- Poems may be written on any subject of the applicant's choosing
- Poems submitted for this prize should not have been previously published

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