

State-Wide Poetry Competition Launches

Poet Laureate, Youth Poetry Ambassador, The Public's Radio foster budding poets

Rhode Island Poet Laureate Tina Cane and 2019 Rhode Island Youth Poetry Ambassador Catherine Sawoski are excited to announce a poetry competition for poets around the state! This new initiative, encouraged by The Public's Radio, aims to inspire community members of all ages who don't traditionally write poetry to introduce writing in their daily lives. It will feature new or previously unpublished original poetry.

Submissions are open February 15th - March 15th. Two winners will be selected - one youth, under 18, and one adult. The competition will culminate in a reading at the Providence Athenaeum on April 5, where both winners will be featured. An open mic for the community will follow. In addition, the youth recipient will receive a gift of \$100 and a publication of their piece in the Providence Journal.

Those interested in applying can fill out the brief submission form [here](#). We can't wait to read your work!

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To learn more about the Youth Poetry Ambassador program, visit <https://ribook.org/youth-poetry/>, and you can find more information about Tina Cane by going to <https://www.tinacane.ink/about.html>. Email catherine.sawoski@wheelerschool.org with any further questions.