

# NORTH AMERICAN FESTIVAL OF WALES – August 31 – September 4, 2022 – Philadelphia, PA

## POETRY COMPOSITION COMPETITIONS – WELSH LANGUAGE POEM (YOUTH) & ENGLISH LANGUAGE POEM (YOUTH)

Two Youth poetry composition competitions, open to ages 11-17, invite submissions of original poetry in either of two categories: **Welsh Language Poem (Youth)** and **English Language Poem (Youth)**. Each competition offers a single grand prize of US\$250, sponsored in 2022 by the Welsh North American Association and Undeb Cymru A'r Byd (Wales International). We are also very grateful for the assistance of Literature Wales (Llenyddiaeth Cymru) in establishing these competitions.

These competitions are open to anyone who is **between the ages of 11 and 17 as of August 31, 2022**. There are no geographic restrictions for entering, and entrants do not need to be present at the 2022 NAFOW (Aug. 31 – Sept. 4, Philadelphia, PA). Also, it is permissible for anyone to enter **either or both** of the two competitions, with a maximum of **one poem per competition**. (**NOTE:** For information on parallel competitions for adults age 18 and up, please consult the Eisteddfod section at the Festival website, [www.nafow.org](http://www.nafow.org).)

### WELSH LANGUAGE POEM AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE POEM (YOUTH) COMPETITIONS – PARTICULARS

- For both competitions, we invite submissions of an original poem written to the following constraints:
  - Written to a theme of **“Bells / Clychau”**.
  - Anywhere from a minimum of 8 lines to a maximum of 24 lines. The poem may be divided into stanzas, or not, at the entrant’s discretion.
  - The poem can include a title, or not, at the entrant’s discretion. If included, a title does not count toward the number of lines just noted.
  - No restrictions on meter.
  - Rhyming is unspecified; it can be done, or not, at the entrant’s discretion.
  - For **English Language Poem (Youth)** (uniquely), there must also be some relevance to Wales and/or Welsh history or culture.
- **The submitted poem must be the entrant's own work.** Any poem found to be copied or plagiarized will immediately be disqualified.
- **The deadline for entering is July 22, 2022.** There is no entry fee for these competitions.
- **Submissions are accepted via email only.** Please carefully review the related instructions, on p. 2.
- As with similar competitions in Wales, anonymity is maintained during the adjudication process; related procedures are discussed on p. 2.
- The adjudicators for 2022, in both competitions, will be Children’s Poet Laureates from Wales, in support from Literature Wales (Llenyddiaeth Cymru). If a winning poem is adjudicated for either competition, it will be announced at the Festival in Philadelphia and via other channels.
- The Welsh North American Association (which organizes the North American Festival of Wales) retains the right to use or include the winning poem at its events and in its publications.
- **QUESTIONS?** Please contact the NAFOW Eisteddfod Committee (Tel: 412-215-9161, Email: [eisteddfod@nafow.org](mailto:eisteddfod@nafow.org)). All inquiries will be kept in close confidence.

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## EMAIL ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS – WELSH LANGUAGE POEM (YOUTH) AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE POEM (YOUTH)

- **SUBMISSIONS** are to be emailed to [wnaahq@gmail.com](mailto:wnaahq@gmail.com) no later than 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time on the deadline date (**July 22, 2022**) and **must** include as the Subject line, **“Welsh Language Poem (Youth)” OR “English Language Poem (Youth)”**, as appropriate. (For anyone entering **both** competitions, please send **two separate submissions**, one for each competition.)
- You will receive a confirmation from the competition coordinator, via email, if your entry is accepted for the respective competition.
- **Please carefully follow these instructions when submitting via email, particularly to preserve anonymity for adjudication:**
  - (1) You will attach a copy of your composition to the email in an easily transmissible format such as .pdf, Word or .jpeg.
  - (2) This attachment, which includes your composition, will additionally show only the name of the competition – “Welsh Language Poem (Youth)” OR “English Language Poem (Youth)” – and your chosen “pseudonym” (i.e., a made-up name that offers no clue to your actual identity). **(If you have submitted for any NAFOW Poetry Composition competition previously, please choose a completely new pseudonym.)**
  - (3) You will **also** attach to your email a second document, also in an easily transmissible format such as .pdf, Word or .jpeg, which includes the following information:
    - (a) the name of the competition – “Welsh Language Poem (Youth)” OR “English Language Poem (Youth)”
    - (b) your pseudonym (as discussed above);
    - (c) your full/actual name; and
    - (d) your mailing address, email address and phone number.