

2008 Alpha Omega Alpha Pharos Poetry Competition

Purpose: To encourage medical students to write poetry on medical subjects, *The Pharos* has instituted this competition to recognize and reward excellent and thoughtful student compositions.

Prizes: \$500 first; \$250 second; \$100 third.

Eligibility: Authors must be enrolled at medical schools with active AΩA chapters (Class of 2008 or later), but need not be members of AΩA. Only one entry may be submitted by an author.

Dates: Entries must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2008, and sent by first-class mail, express mail, or by courier. Winners will be announced about May 1, 2008.

Requirements for the poems:

1. Poems must be written while the student is in medical school, must be the work of a single author, and must represent original work.

2. The poem may be on any subject related to medicine.

3. The poem must not exceed two double-spaced pages of 12-point type with minimum 1-inch margins.

4. The poem must not have been offered to or published by any other journal and must be submitted to *The Pharos*, the official publication of AΩA, which has the right of first refusal.

5. Four stapled single-sided sets of the poem (pages typed; no covers or binders) and a covering page with the author's full name, address, phone number, e-mail, and name of medical school and year of graduation should be sent to:

Alpha Omega Alpha Pharos Poetry Competition
525 Middlefield Road, Suite 130
Menlo Park, California 94025.

6. Poems not conforming to the instructions will be returned.

7. A committee of the editorial board of *The Pharos* will review the poems and select the winners.

The author's social security number will be required for payment of the award.

Errata: Poems not accepted for *The Pharos* but published elsewhere should include the following acknowledgment: *Submitted as an entry in the 2008 Alpha Omega Alpha Pharos Poetry Competition.*

More information: Contact Managing Editor Debbie Lancaster at (650) 329-0291 or d.lancaster@alphaomegaalpha.org. Forms are available at: www.alphaomegaalpha.org/programs/PharosPoetryCompetition.htm. Examples of poetry published by *The Pharos* can be seen on AΩA's web site: www.alphaomegaalpha.org/pharos/SampleArticles.htm.

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| Mr/Ms/Mrs: | | Your name: | |
| Address: | | | |
| Permanent Address: (your parents' address, for example) | | | |
| Telephone: | | Permanent Telephone: | |
| E-mail: | | | |
| School: | | | |
| Year of Graduation: | | | |
| Title of Poem: | | | |

CHECKLIST:

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| | Margins 1 inch or larger | | Four sets, stapled |
| | Type size 12 point or larger | | No cover or binder |
| | 2 or fewer double-spaced pages, single-sided | | |

DEADLINE: January 31, 2008

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