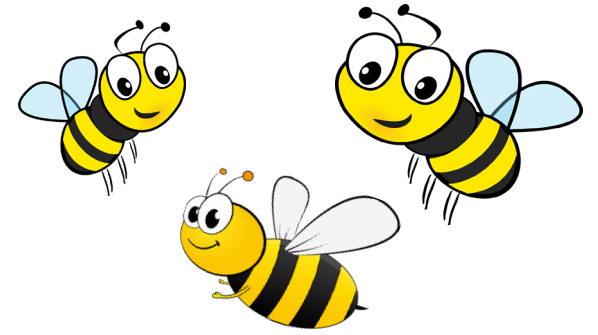




YOUTH POETRY CONTEST 2022-2023

Seeds, Trees and Bees...Oh My
- Celebrating the Diversity of Nature



❖ **Eligibility** – Special Education: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

English as a second language: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

General Education: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade

❖ **Date of Submission** – Club entries must be sent to YOUR State Youth Chairperson; observe your State Deadline.

State Winners must be sent to Regional Chairperson by February 1, 2023

Regional Winners must be sent to National Chairperson by March 1, 2023

❖ **Guidelines**

- Poems should be no longer than 24 lines (including title) with maximum 42 letters/spaces per line –in order to fit on single page of booklet.
- Include name, address, age, grade, and school of participant on the back of entry.
- Sponsoring garden club and state garden club name must also be identified.
- Garden Club contact person is the mailing address for any winning entries.
- Sponsoring garden club may be that of a parent or grandparent.
- All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Poems do not have to rhyme. They may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems, limerick, or haiku.
- The theme should not be used as the title to any poetry. When judging, the title is worth 10 points.
- When choosing poem title, please be creative and include at least one of the following key words from the theme: Seeds, Trees, Bees or Nature.
- All Regional winning entries must be typed, titled, and sent to National Chairperson in word format via email, and the original hard copy mailed for judging.

Contact Information: Website: <https://gardenclub.org/> Home page click Youth and Scholarships, click Youth Contest, click Poetry Contest

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