

2024 Giovanni-Steger Poetry Prize Submission Form

All **undergraduate** students at Virginia Tech are invited to submit an original poem to The Giovanni-Steger Poetry Prize contest, established by the late President Emeritus Charles W. Steger and University Distinguished Professor Nikki Giovanni, retired. The first-place prize is \$1,500. The second-place prize is \$800 and third-place is \$500. The prize is administered by Professor Giovanni and judged by a committee of faculty from various disciplines at the university.

Writers of the **top ten poems** chosen by the Giovanni-Steger Poetry Prize Committee will be notified within six weeks of the submission deadline. All participants are invited to attend a celebration at the Moss Arts Center, *but the top ten must agree to attend and participate in the reading*. First, second, and third place prize winners will be revealed at the event.

The top ten poets will read their poems publicly along with some Virginia Tech faculty at the **Nikki Giovanni Celebration of Poetry on Wednesday, April 10th at 5:00 pm**. Winners also give permission for their winning poems to be published at a later date by Professor Giovanni and for their poems (including audio) to be published on a forthcoming Giovanni-Steger website, but students otherwise retain all rights to their work.

Please read these instructions carefully. Submissions that do not follow these guidelines will not be considered for the Giovanni-Steger Poetry Prize.

Submission deadline: Friday, February 2nd, 2024 (by 11:59 pm).

Instructions:

- A) You may submit one poem. It should not exceed two pages, single-spaced, in a 12-point font.
- B) Do **not** put your name on the poem. This ensures that your identity will not be known to the judges during the judging process.
- C) Put the poem's title and your Hokie Passport number on each page of the poem.
- D) Complete the information requested below and submit *this submission form* and the poem as **separate attachments** in an email to stegerprize-g@vt.edu **by Friday, February 2nd at 11:59 pm**.

Your Information (this will be withheld from judges):

Name: _____ Hokie Passport Number: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Major / Department / Class / Hometown (this is for publicity once the top ten are chosen): _____

Title of Poem: _____