

Conditions of Entry **The Strokestown International Prize 2018**

1) Entrants may submit an unlimited number of poems, in any of the categories, by post or online, and each poem must be accompanied by the appropriate fee of:

€6 for each entry

For every five poems entered, a bonus poem may be entered free i.e. five paid-for poems allows one bonus poem, ten paid-for poems allows two bonus poems, and so on.

Payment must be made in € Euro. Entries accompanied in currencies other than Euro will not be accepted.

Personal cheques, postal orders, bank drafts & international money orders are accepted.

Competitors may also enter online and pay by credit card or with Paypal at

www.strokestownpoetry.org. Cheques should be made payable to Strokestown International Poetry and Tourism Company. Please write your name and address on the back of cheques.

2) Although entrants may submit an unlimited number of poems for a competition, no more than one poem from any entrant will feature on the shortlist for that competition.

3) All poems must be the original work of the entrant, written in **English**. Translations are not eligible. Poems must not have been previously published, self-published or published on a website or broadcast.

4) Poems must not exceed 70 lines (excluding title and stanza breaks), and be typed or very clearly written on one side of the paper only. The poems, and payment, should be attached to the entry form. The name of the entrant must not appear on the poems themselves. All poems are judged completely anonymously, and judges read all entries.

5) No alterations can be made to the poem once it has been submitted, and no entries can be returned.

6) The judges' decisions are final and no correspondence can be entered into regarding those decisions. The judges' **shortlists will be announced by the end of February 2018**.

Shortlisted poets only will be notified. The prize-winner for each competition will be announced and awarded during the Strokestown International Poetry Festival, Co.

Roscommon, Ireland, which will take place from 3rd-7th May 2018. Short-listed poets will be invited to read a selection of their work at the festival, for which they will receive a reading fee of €300. In all competitions, prizes are inclusive of the relevant reading fee.

7) Copyright will remain with the competitor, but Strokestown Poetry Festival reserves the right to arrange publication on both the website and festival anthology, or broadcast selected poems as it sees fit.

8) Submission of a poem implies the competitor's acceptance of the conditions set out above.