



A creative writing, photography, and video forum for Minnesota Jewish teens

KEREN OR 13: CONTEST DESCRIPTION AND RULES

Jewish Minnesota students in grades 7–12 are invited to submit original poems, prose, photographs, and video on any topic or content. Creative work submitted for school projects is acceptable. Fiction, memoir, or creative-nonfiction are welcome, but not research papers or book reports. We discourage the submission of highly personal family vignettes because they seldom succeed as creative writing. All work is evaluated by a panel of judges.

Prizes in each category (poetry, prose, photography, video) are \$100 for first place and \$50 for second and third places. Winning entries will be published in a special supplement to *The American Jewish World*, posted on our website: www.kerenorcontest.org, and will be on exhibit for a period of time at the Sabes JCC.

Entries are due no later than 5:00 pm, February 17, 2017. All entries will be acknowledged via e-mail by February 20, 2017. Please check if you've not heard from us.

A student may contribute to more than one category, but no more than three entries in each (two in video). Prose entries must be 12-point, Times Roman font, double spaced, and no more than 1500 words. **Careful attention should be paid to spelling, grammar, and typos.** We urge students who are submitting poetry and photography to submit three (but no more than three) selections to give the judges a good sample of your work.

Short video entries (7 minutes maximum run time) must be uploaded to YouTube and kept private (not available to the public for viewing). The links to those private videos should then be entered into the submission form. Shorter videos will not be judged less favorably. All genres will be accepted including but not limited to narrative, documentary, music video, experimental, and animation. Judges will consider the following criteria: artistic vision, originality, and execution. Instructions for uploading your video(s) to YouTube.com can be found on this document: [submit a video](#).

When you submit your files for judging do not use your name in the file name. Use the title that you are entering into the [Keren Or submission form](#) (or a short version if the title is long). For example: thebluedove.jpg or thebluedove.docx or thebluedove.mov.

All entries should be sent via the [Keren Or submission form](#). Any problems with the form should be reported to rimon@sabesjcc.org.

A student who earned first place in prose, poetry, or photography must allow one year to elapse before submitting again to that category **but is free to contribute to the other categories.** A student who earned first place in prose, poetry, or photography who is moving up into a new age category may submit again in the same category the following year.

Please fill out all of the requested information on the [Keren Or submission form](#). For further information see www.kerenorcontest.org or contact David Harris: rimon@sabesjcc.org.