



A creative writing and photography forum for Minnesota Jewish teens

KEREN OR 20: CONTEST DESCRIPTION AND RULES

Jewish Minnesota students in grades 7–12 are invited to submit original poems, prose, and photographs on any topic or content. Creative work submitted for school projects is acceptable. Fiction, memoir, and creative-nonfiction are welcome, but not research papers or book reports. Prose may include a wide range of creative expression, including short-form graphic novels.

All work is evaluated by a panel of three judges who have no knowledge of the applicants.

Prizes in each category (poetry, prose, photography) are \$100 for first place and \$50 for second and third places. Occasionally Honorable Mention awards are awarded, and their cash prize is \$36. Winning entries will be posted on our website: www.kerenorcontest.org and other prominent social media sites. They will also be on exhibit for a period of time at the Sabes JCC.

Entries are due no later than 5:00 pm, February 20, 2024. All entries will be acknowledged via e-mail by February 27, 2024. 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. 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.**

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.

All entries should be sent via the Keren Or submission form on the web site. Any problems with the form should be reported to rimon@bfcampus.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 <http://www.kerenorcontest.org> or contact rimon@bfcampus.org.