



The *Pharos* Poetry Award

Purpose: To encourage medical students to write meaningful poetry related to health or medicine.

The Award: Cash awards of \$600 for first place, \$350 for second place, and \$200 for third place will be given out to three students. The three selected entries will be published in *The Pharos*.

Eligibility: Authors must be enrolled in medical schools that have an active ΑΩΑ Chapter or association, but need not be members of ΑΩΑ. However, if an applicant is a member of ΑΩΑ, he/she must have active status. Only one entry per student.

Dates: Entries must be submitted online no later than **January 5, 2018**. Winners will be announced **April 2, 2018**. Winning poets must submit a W-9 form prior to the issuance of the award check.

Requirements:

1. Poems must be written while the student is in medical school, must be the work of a single author, and must represent original work.
2. The poem may be on any subject related to health or medicine.
3. The poem must be single spaced, single column, and not exceed two pages of 12-point type with minimum 1-inch margins.
4. Please do not include any images or special formatting with the poem.
5. The poem must not have been offered to or published by any other journal or entered in any other contest and must be submitted to *The Pharos*, the official publication of ΑΩΑ, which has the right of first refusal.
6. The poem must be submitted on an online form through the ΑΩΑ web site: alphaomegaalpha.org/submit_poetry.php.
7. Poems not meeting all requirements will be rejected.
8. A committee of the editorial board of *The Pharos* will review the poems and select the winners.

Alpha Omega Alpha is committed to upholding a high standard of professionalism, compassion and humanism in medicine. Patients should be treated with dignity and their privacy respected. We will not accept submissions to any of our programs that conflict with these values, or contain bigotry, or highly politicized content.

For more information, please contact Jean Holzwart at studentpoetry@alphaomegaalpha.org.

2017 *Pharos* Poetry Winners:

1st Prize: "H&P"—Marc Buettler class of 2018, Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans

2nd Prize (Tie): "Paracentesis"—Audrey Li, class of 2018, State University of New York Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine

2nd Prize (Tie): "Temples"—Ali I. Rae, class of 2018, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University