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. The three winning entries will be published in *The Pharos*.

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

**Dates:** Entries must be submitted online through the AΩA website at [http://alphaomegaalpha.org/poetry_competition.html](http://alphaomegaalpha.org/poetry_competition.html) no later than **January 3, 2020**. Winners will be announced **April 6, 2020**. 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.
6. Poems not meeting all requirements will be rejected.
7. A committee of the editorial board of *The Pharos* will review the poems and select the winners.

Questions may be directed to Libby Appel at studentpoetry@alphaomegaalpha.org.

Beginning August 1, 2019 all AΩA awards, fellowships, grants, and program submissions must be electronically submitted through the appropriate page on the AΩA website.

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