



**SALUTING  
OUR  
SISTERS**

# The National Black History Month Poetry Competition 2023

Dear Participants,

We are excited to announce the **National Black History Month Poetry Competition for 2023**, a groundbreaking collaboration between *Black History Month Magazine* and the *Black Writers Guild*. This year's theme, "**Saluting Our Sisters**," aims to illuminate the incredible contributions and unwavering spirit of black women.

Who's Invited? This competition welcomes participants of all backgrounds and poetic experience levels. Whether you are a budding poet or an established wordsmith, we encourage you to take part. To ensure a level playing field, the competition is divided into four age-based categories:

- Primary (Ages 5-10)
- Secondary (Ages 11-16)
- College/University (Ages 16-24)
- General Public (Aged 25 and above)

The Essence of the Poem For this competition, we invite you to craft poems that weave stories about black women.

- Trailblazing black women who have left an indelible mark in their professions or endeavours.
- Personal accounts of black women who have served as pillars of strength and inspiration.
- Thoughtful introspections on the joy, pride, and essence of being a black woman.

Whether you choose to write about globally recognised figures, beloved family members, community heroes, or draw from your personal experiences, every story is cherished and valued.

The Judging Process To ensure fairness and transparency, a distinguished panel of judges from the Black Writers Guild will evaluate all submitted poems. They will assess entries based on creativity, originality, and alignment with the competition's theme. Our goal is to

discover poems that authentically encapsulate the spirit of Black History Month and duly honour the profound contributions of black women.

Perks and Prizes Winners from each category will not only receive cash prizes but will also have their poems immortalized in our anthology, "**Saluting Our Sisters.**" Additionally, winners will be esteemed guests of honor at a special celebration scheduled for March 2024.

**Important Dates to Remember Please mark your calendars with these crucial dates:**

- Submission Deadline: 15th November 2023
- Judging Period: 16th November 2023 - 2nd February 2024
- Winner Announcement: World Poetry Day, 21st March 2024

To Submit Your Poems To submit your poems for this remarkable competition, please visit the following link: [[Poetry Competition Entry - Black History Month 2023](#)].

We encourage you to embrace this unique opportunity to express your creativity, pay homage to the contributions of black women, and possibly become a part of an inspiring anthology.

Thank you for being a part of the celebration of black history and the empowerment of black women through the art of poetry.