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2014 YOUTH POETRY SCHOLARSHIP

First Prize: \$3000
Second Prize: \$2000
Third Prize: \$1000

ELIGIBILITY: All entrants must be residents of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, or Summit counties and aged between 14 and 18 years of age by the date of submission. Immediate family members of DARE2CARE Sub-Committees, and their Board of Directors, are *ineligible* to enter.

THE CONTEST: The Dare2Care Youth Poetry prize is awarded to work that honors the lives of youth and young adults who have suffered the effects of hate as a result of their sexual identity, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. This year's Dare2Care's fundraising theme is *'Fifty Years of Change'* therefore we encourage poem submissions that address anti-bullying and human rights through an historical lens (e.g. civil rights, women's rights, Stonewall, The AIDS pandemic, and LGBT equality). Our stipulation is that the poem's content should have a **'live and let live'** theme and address the consequences of bigotry and the negativity it engenders in our culture, lives, and hearts, with particular emphasis on homophobia and transphobia. Homophobia and transphobia describe the irrational fear of lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender people that expresses itself in anti-LGBT emotions, thoughts, and actions.

POEM: Poems must be original work and free of plagiarism or copyrighted material. Failure to use original material will result in disqualification. Poems must be titled, previously unpublished, and either typed, (double-spaced, 12 font) in black ink on 8.5 x 11 paper, (or standard Microsoft Word template), or legibly hand written. Do not use italics or bolded print. Colored ink, colored paper, graphics or images will not be accepted. Poems should not exceed 50 lines in length. Poems that are longer than 50 lines will not be included in the competition, so please count the lines carefully.

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ENTRY IDENTIFICATION: Please download and print (or copy) the required application form (available at: www.dare2careusa.org). The title of your poem, but *not* your name, should appear in the header at the top of each submission page and on the application form. Mail-in submissions should be sent to: **Dare2Care Poetry Competition** c/o Pam Harr 1400 N. Mantua St. Kent, OH 44240. On-line applications and submissions are available @ <http://dare2careusa.org/poetry/rules/>

DEADLINE: The deadline for all entries is midnight March 21, 2014. Dare2Care is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected or delayed entries, whether caused by mail/other delivery systems or human error which may occur in the processing of entries to this contest; or any problems/technical malfunctions of any computer equipment or software by either the applicant or Dare2Care.

By submitting an entry, applicant hereby assigns to Dare2Care all proprietary rights to entry, including the right to reproduce the poem or portions thereof in any promotional, reference, research, or official business materials without limitation.

Entries will not be returned.

Dare2Care reserves the right to cancel, modify or delay the Contest

DISCLAIMER: The administration of the Contest, including, without limitation, determining the eligibility of a student or poem, selecting of a reader or judge, evaluating any submitted poem, and awarding of the prizes, is within the sole and absolute discretion of *Dare2Care*. No student or teacher, or person or organization related thereto, has a right to appeal, contest, dispute, or otherwise challenge any aspect of the administration of the Contest, and any decision of Dare2Care is final in all respects.

PRIVACY POLICY: Dare2Care is committed to protecting the privacy of all applicants to the *Dare2Care* Poetry Contest. We will keep all information submitted confidential, including phone numbers, e-mails, and street addresses. We will not share this information with any other organization without express permission. We do not advertise to children or solicit children for marketing information and we never knowingly release the names of children to third parties.

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JUDGES: Readers: Dare2Care Board Members. Final judge: Professor George Bilgere (John Carroll University). George Bilgere was the 2003 recipient of the Cleveland Arts Prize in Literature, the 2006 winner of the Ohioana Poetry Award, and in 2009 he won a Pushcart Prize. He was our final judge in the 2011 and 2013 Dare2Care Poetry Competition. Winning poems are available @ www.dare2careusa.org.

On-line submissions:

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Poetry Competition Application Form

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Age: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number (home) _____ (cell) _____

High School: _____

Poem Title: _____

High School Address: _____

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Signature (Student): _____ (Parent/Guardian): _____

Your signature above grants permission to Dare to Care to publish your poem on its website or other relevant literature. All winners under 18 will have to provide a hard copy of a parent/guardian signature *prior* to their poem's publication.

Instructions: Your entry should have the title of your poem on each page. Please **do not** staple the pages together, or put your name on any page. All entries should be accompanied by this application form and must be signed by the contestant and a parent or guardian if you are under age 18.

Email: info@dare2careusa.org

Mailing address:

Dare2Care – Unite Against Bullying Poetry Contest

c/o Pam Harr

Roosevelt High School

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