



Project Description

The Donate Life Northwest Poetry Contest is designed to showcase your perspective on donation and transplantation, and to better understand what it means to you and your community – whether it is a tribute to a donor family member who has passed, or a reflection of your joy at receiving a life-saving organ, we hope that beautiful works of poetry can capture a part of the experience.

We encourage creativity! Feel free to submit poetry of all types—lyrics, prose poems, acrostic poems, haikus, sonnets, experimental, etc. However you wish to best express your feelings and experiences with organ, eye, and tissue donation and transplantation, we look forward to reading.

The poetry contest will launch in March 2025 and run through our Summer Block Party. At that event, the winner will be announced, along with people’s choice voting. The winning poem will be featured in a DLNW digital campaign, and receive a \$200 gift card. The people’s choice winner will receive a \$100 gift card.

Rules & Guidelines for Entry

- Be creative!
- Poems must be the entrant’s original work. AI-generated work is prohibited.
- Poems must have a title and must not exceed 40 lines in length (excluding title).
- No more than 3 submissions per person allowed

Submission Process

- Poems may be submitted electronically through our online form:
- If you prefer to mail your poem in, you can send it to: Donate Life NW, PO Box 532, Portland, OR 97207
- All submissions must be submitted electronically or postmarked no later than Sunday, May 18, 2025.
- Each submission must have a submission form in order to be considered.

Judging

Entries will be judged on creativity, impact, and originality by Donate Life Northwest. Selected poems will be open to public vote both through online voting, as well as voting in-person at our Summer Block Party. The winning poem, as selected by Donate Life Northwest, will be featured in a DLNW digital campaign, and receive a \$200 gift card. The people’s choice winner, as voted on by DLNW community members, will receive a \$100 gift card.

Donate Life Northwest reserves the right to disqualify any entry that does not comply with these guidelines or is deemed inappropriate.

For more information, contact Donate Life Northwest at 503-494-7888 or info@donatelifenw.org.



Submission Form

Please fill out the following information and include it with your submission. If you are submitting online, you can fill this out with your online submission. If you are submitting multiple pieces for consideration (max of 3), please fill out a separate submission form for each piece.

Poet's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Poem Information:

1. Title of Poem: _____

2. Brief description of the poem and how it connects to organ, eye, and tissue donation: _____

I authorize Donate Life Northwest (DLNW) and its partners to prepare, use, reproduce, publish, and exhibit the name, poem, and story in connection with traditional, digital, and social media advertising and marketing. I acknowledge that the poem submitted is property of DLNW and may be used by DLNW as it sees fit. I will receive no compensation and hereby waive any approval of the finished product. Poems will remain the property of DLNW.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If poet is under the age of 18, signature of parent or guardian must be included for the submission.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send finished poems and submission form to:
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