

Texas Review Press
X.J. Kennedy Poetry Competition
Rules and Guidelines

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1. Submitted manuscripts must be postmarked by July 15.
2. Manuscripts may be up to 100 pages in length.
3. Manuscripts are handled as blind submissions at all levels of the judging process.
4. Manuscripts must be submitted to the address above with two title pages—one with the author's name, address, and telephone number, and one without.
5. The author's name must not appear on any other page of the manuscript.
6. The envelope label should be clearly labeled “X.J. Kennedy Poetry Chapbook Competition.”
7. SASE must be included for the purpose of a reply only; manuscripts will not be returned.
8. A reading fee of \$20 must accompany each manuscript. Checks should be made out to “Friends of the Texas Review Press.”
9. Each person who enters the contest will receive a one-year subscription to The Texas Review, and will also receive discounts on winning books.
10. The winning manuscript will receive a cash prize of \$200 and publication.
11. The manuscripts are first judged by a network of published writers. The final ranking is concluded by major American writers.
12. All judges have pledged to return to TRP immediately any manuscript whose author they have identified. Any manuscripts so returned will be sent to another initial judge. In the case of a finalist manuscript being returned, it will be an automatic finalist in the following year's competition IF RESUBMITTED BY THE AUTHOR.