



# National Baseball Poetry Festival™

## YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

**The National Baseball Poetry Festival is a celebration of poetry whose themes focus on Baseball!**

The Festival takes place at Polar Park on May 9th. All grades 4-12 students and Little Leaguers are invited to submit poems with a baseball theme, for example: opening day, ballpark food, Polar Park, first pitch, athletic heroes, uniforms, ballparks, Little League, dugout chatter, etc.

### RULES

1. The contest is open to ALL 4th-12th graders and Little Leaguers.
2. Poems must be based on or address the theme of baseball.
3. Poems must not exceed 200 words.
4. Entries will be judged for creativity, originality, and style by a panel of educators, university students, and community members.



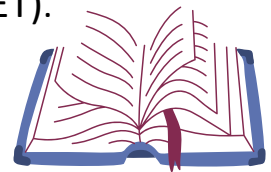
### THEME

The theme of this contest is baseball and "poetry of the game." Entries can take inspiration from Worcester's own Ernest Thayer, author of "Casey at the Bat."

### SUBMISSION

All entries must be submitted by or before 3:00PM on Friday, April 17, 2026(ET).

Please submit via email: [baseballpoetryfest@gmail.com](mailto:baseballpoetryfest@gmail.com)



#### All submissions must include:

- Poet's Name, Grade, Mailing Address, Email
- Guardian Name and Email
- Poems must be entered into the body of the email



### WINNERS

Winners will be notified by or before Friday, April 24, 2026 via email. Winners attending the Festival have the opportunity to read their poems on Saturday, May 9, 2026. For more information:

[baseballpoetryfest.org](http://baseballpoetryfest.org)