

Kansas Authors Club 2023

Kansas Poetry Chapbook Contest

*****guidelines updated 2/10/2023*****

Contest opens April 1, 2023 and closes June 15, 2023

Entry Fee payable online at kansasauthorsclub.submittable.com

What is a Chapbook?

For the purposes of this contest, a chapbook is a small publication of no more than 50 pages, not including cover. Expected entries could fall into two categories:

1. **Craft Chapbooks:** "Homemade," limited-edition chapbooks using printers or copy machines or hand-lettering and design or other forms of print making. Hand-binding techniques (including stapler) and custom cover designs and artwork (including collaborations) are encouraged. (32 pages is common)
2. **Published Chapbooks:** Printed for distribution via a small press, local printer, or Print-on-Demand (POD) such as KDP, Ingram, or other.

Please keep in mind that a chapbook should have some unifying thread, yet each poem should be strong enough to stand on its own. Criteria for judging will include content (50%) and package/overall presentation (50%).

Only chapbooks published in the last two years (since January 1, 2021) are eligible for entry.

This special contest will require an entry fee of \$4.00 per entry (same rate for members and state of Kansas residents), payable at the Submittable website. Instructions for mailing chapbooks to the contest manager will be provided upon payment.

Note: This is not a "blind" contest. It is expected that Chapbooks will contain author names and credit any collaborators.

This contest is open to members of Kansas Authors Club (regardless of residence) AND non-members who are residents of the state of Kansas. Awards will be presented at the 2023 state awards event in October. The top winner in each category (Craft and Published) will be given \$25 with additional honorable mentions or other recognition based on merit as determined by the judge.

Each entrant may enter up to 5 entries.

Mail entries with copy of entry fee receipt to:
Kansas Authors Club
PO BOX 333
Emporia, KS 66801

Final postmark date for entry: June 15, 2023

**Note: Contestants need not go to excessive expense on mailing services to deliver these chapbooks. Media mail rates or standard first class mail in a regular envelope is fine. We will confirm receipt via the details you supply with your entry at Submittable.*