

The 2010 New England Shakespeare Festival Sonnet Contest
Student Category, for students through grade 12
To Benefit the New England Shakespeare Festival

\$50 First Prize

Judge: Gordan Lang

The winner will have a video clip of a Shakespearean Actor reading the poem posted on the New England Shakespeare Festival website by Summer 2011.

Winners will be announced by October 15, 2010 at <http://www.newenglandshakespeare.org>.

1. Sonnets must be Shakespearean:
 - fourteen lines
 - ababcdcdefefgg rhyme scheme
 - basically written in iambic pentameter, variations and substitutions are permitted.
2. Submissions must be original and unpublished.
3. Writers may enter as many sonnets as they wish.
4. Students must be currently enrolled in a school, or have graduated no earlier than May 2010.
5. Entry to the student sonnet contest is free.
6. Entries may be submitted electronically using the Student Sonnet Contest Online Entry Form (http://www.newenglandshakespeare.org/sonnet_contest/student_sonnets_online_entry_form.htm) or via regular mail. When submitting by mail, send two copies of each poem. The author's name, address, telephone number and email, if available, should be typed on the upper left-hand corner of one copy. The other copy should include only the poem, the title and the name of the contest for anonymous judging. Please write "NESF Student Sonnet Contest" in the upper right-hand corner of each entry.
7. Minors may enter the contest, but a parent/guardian must sign and return the Parent/Guardian permission form (www.newenglandshakespeare.org/sonnet_contest/parent_consent_form.pdf). If submitting by mail, please include the form. If submitting online, please mail the form separately. Poems submitted by minors will not be considered until this form is received.
8. Entries must be postmarked not later than **August 1, 2010** and mailed to:

NESF Student Sonnet Contest
C/O Stephen Scaer
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Nashua, NH 03060