

2012 Cave Canem Northwestern University Press Poetry Prize Guidelines

Award: Winner receives \$1,000, publication by **Northwestern University Press**, 15 copies of the book and a feature reading.

Final Judges: Parneshia Jones and Janice Harrington. Judges reserve the right to **not select** a winner.

Eligibility: **African American writers who have had one full-length book of poetry published by a professional press** (chapbooks and self-published works are excluded). Simultaneous submission to other book awards should be noted: immediate notification upon winning such an award is required.

Deadline: Reading period begins February 1, 2012. Manuscripts must be postmarked by April 15, 2012. To be notified that your manuscript has been received, enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard. Winner announced in June 2012.

Entry Fee: \$20. Enclose check with submission, made payable to Northwestern University Press. Entry fees are non-refundable.

Direct packet to:

Northwestern University Press
Cave Canem Northwestern University Press Poetry Prize
629 Noyes Street
Evanston, IL 60208

Submission

- Send **two** copies of a single manuscript. One manuscript per poet allowed.
- Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope to receive notification of results.
- Author's name should not appear on any pages within the manuscript. Copy One must include a title page with the author's brief bio (200 words, maximum) and contact information: author's name, postal address, e-mail address and telephone number. Copy Two must include a cover sheet with the title only.
- Manuscript must include a table of contents and list of acknowledgments of previously published poems.
- Manuscript must be **single sided** with a **font size of 11 or 12**, paginated, and 50-75 pages in length, inclusive of table of contents and acknowledgments. A poem may be multiple pages, but no more than one poem per page is permitted.
- Manuscript must be unbound. Use a binder clip—do not staple or fold. Do not include illustrations or images of any kind.
- **Manuscripts not adhering to submission guidelines will be discarded without notice to sender.**

Due to the volume of submissions, manuscripts will not be returned. Post-submission revisions or corrections are not permitted.