In the spirit of stimulating the imagination, promoting creativity, and fostering appreciation of English language skills and the art of poetry, the Department of English and Writing Studies is pleased to announce a competition for the annual Alfred Poynt Award in Poetry. This award is made in accordance with the wishes and through the generosity of the late Alfred R. Poynt of London, Ontario.

The winning entry will receive a prize of $350.

Contest Rules

DEADLINE: Monday, April 1, 2019

SUBMISSIONS TO: Department of English and Writing Studies, University College, Room 2401

INQUIRIES TO: uenglish@uwo.ca

WHAT TO SUBMIT:
- Participants must be full-time students registered in any undergraduate (baccalaureate) program at Western University, including affiliates. Previous first-prize winners are not eligible.
- Poems must be in English and may use any style of poetry.
- Poems will be judged for their originality and for their use of form and technique, traditional or contemporary, in a skillful and creative way to create or intensify themes or effects.
- Entries must be original, titled, previously unpublished, and not currently under evaluation for publication.
- Poems must be typed on 8.5 x 11 paper in 12-point type. Total entry not to exceed 4 pages. Maximum 150 lines. Entries might be one longer poem or several shorter poems.
- HARD COPIES ONLY.
  - Entries cannot be returned. Entrants retain their copyright.
  - Submissions will be numbered and coded before the judging by a contest organizer who is not a judge.

Submission must include a cover page with the following information:
- your name
- student number
- permanent mailing address
- telephone number
- email address
- title of poem(s)
- do not include your name on the poem page
- no staples
- contest name: Alfred Poynt Award in Poetry

WINNERS:
- Announcement of the winning entry will be made no later than May.
- The winner will be notified by email.
- The results will be posted on the Department of English website and social media channels.

ADJUDICATION: Adjudication will be done by a volunteer panel of published writers from London and/or the University community selected by the competition organizer. The decision of the judges will be final.