

April is national  
poetry month

Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel

# Poetry Contest

1st Place \$150 - 2nd Place \$100 - 3rd Place \$50  
8 Honorable Mention Awards of \$25 each



## Deadline:

Entries must be received before March 26, 2019.

Winners will be notified by March 29, 2019.

## Awards and Readings:

Sunday, April 7, 2:30 p.m.

Bristow Public Library, 111 W. 7th Ave.

Bristow, OK 74010

## Guidelines:

- ▶ Eligible for entry: Rural high school & homeschool students (9th - 12th grades) in Lincoln and Creek Counties (Schools: Agra, Bristow, Carney, Chandler, Davenport, Depew, Drumright, Kellyville, Kiefer, Mannford, Meeker, Mounds, Oilton, Prague, Stroud, and Wellston).
- ▶ Limit 3 poems per student (up to 100 lines each).
- ▶ All entries must be the original work of the student and neatly typed.
- ▶ Provide cover page for each poem with this information:  
1) Student's first and last name 2) Phone number, email and mailing address 3) School 4) Grade classification 5) Teacher name and email
- ▶ Poetry judging will include themes of everyday life in Oklahoma; organization and overall impact; descriptive style; and grammar, usage, mechanics, and spelling. Winners will be asked to share their poem at the awards ceremony.

## Submit entries before March 26

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## About Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel:

Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel (1918-2007) was born near Stroud and attended schools in Creek County. Her father, of Cherokee descent, was a sharecropper and her mother was a homemaker. Wilma was "wrenched" from Oklahoma at 17 years of age when her family migrated to California's Central Valley in 1936.

She began writing poetry at a young age but did not share her writing until she was in her 50s. Ultimately, she published over 50 chapbooks of poetry and prose. Her free verse poetry was written in everyday language that expressed her feelings about her childhood in Oklahoma, her experiences of leaving and settling in a new place, and her observations of everyday life.

Read more about Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel through the Oklahoma State University Library: <https://okla.st/mcdaniel>

## Sponsors include:

Oklahoma State University Library; Bristow Public Library; Bristow Historical Society and Museum; Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma (FOLIO); Stroud Public Library (a National Literary Landmark in honor of Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel); Lincoln County Museum of Pioneer History; the late Jim Chlebda and Back40 Publishing; the Chlebda and Coghill Families; Friends of Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel; and a poetry-loving FOLIO member in honor of Joy Harjo.

*"I corresponded with Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel now and then, and I appreciated her plain speak. She spoke poignantly and directly from a world and a time that defined Oklahoma history of the dust bowl. She was a natural poet. Her poems will stand the test of time." — Joy Harjo, award-winning poet and musician, born in Tulsa, OK, and member of the Mvskoke Nation*

