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Poetry Promise Now Accepting Submissions to the John Oliver Simon Award!
\$500.00 prize for a poet who is a full-time student

The John Oliver Simon Award (formerly the Poetry Promise Award) celebrates a student poet for exceptional promise in poetry and is selected by the Poet Laureate and the Poetry Promise Board of Directors. This year's Round 1 submission of 3 poems is due on **Thursday, April 1, 2021** and may be submitted here: <https://forms.gle/Gp1WqCJyqEzfQvrv9> . Students selected for Round 2 will be contacted and required to submit a 2-page essay and a 10-page manuscript.

In addition to receiving a \$500.00 prize, the John Oliver Simon award recipient will have a featured reading with notable poets within the Clark County writing community. Full-time students are eligible for the award if they are over the age of fifteen. Past recipients have included Lila Brissette, Andrew Romanelli, and Ariel Horton. The awardee and runner-up will be announced on Monday, June 14, 2021.

This scholarship was initiated by Bruce Isaacson, Emeritus Poet Laureate, and continued through Poetry Promise, Inc. Isaacson says, "My hope in establishing the award and local workshops is to provide constructive avenues of engagement. We hope to encourage literary understanding and achievement by promising writers." The name of the award was changed to honor the memory of John Oliver Simon, who inspired the Nevada Poets in the Schools Program. He was one of the Bay Area's most beloved poets and passed away in 2018.

For more information, contact Vogue Robinson, Poets in the Schools Coordinator, at 702-706-2383 or director@poetrypromise.org

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