



Leslie McGrath Poetry Prize

Prize: \$1000 and publication in Helix magazine

2021 Judge: Marilyn Nelson

Submission open from February 1st to April 15th, 2021.

In honor of beloved poet and educator, Leslie McGrath, The Helix is launching a poetry contest. McGrath, who unfortunately passed in August 2020, was the author of three poetry collections. She also won the Pablo Neruda Prize for Poetry as well as the Gretchen Warren Prize from the New England Poetry Club.

Writers may submit one poem of any length or style. Judge Nelson will select a winner and one finalist. The winner and finalist will have their work published on The Helix online as well as in the print annual. In conjunction with this, the winner will be invited to an event at CCSU.

The first place winner will receive \$1000. One finalist will receive \$100. All who submit will pay a reading fee of \$10. Poetry must be set in 12 pt Times New Roman font and should be single-spaced.

If you decide to write a new poem to submit, consider writing in conversation with one of McGrath's poems. One may also take a line of her poetry and respond to it in a poem of their own. This is not a requirement. Whether or not you decide to consider connecting McGrath's work with your own, all poems will be considered equally by the contest staff and Marilyn Nelson.

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