



Guidelines for the 2025 RAVEN CHAPBOOKS POETRY Contest

The winning manuscript will be published in June 2025

1. The 2025 contest is **open to all emerging and established poets who reside in British Columbia.**
2. A \$30 entry fee must be submitted with the manuscript by cheque or e-transfer, payable to Diana Hayes (Raven Chapbooks Publisher) 138 McAllister Road, Salt Spring Island BC V8K 1M4; e-transfers to dehayes@islandnet.com
3. Contest entry fees are non-refundable, and manuscripts cannot be edited after submission. Please be sure to submit only your final version of the poems.
4. Manuscripts must be postmarked no later than **November 30, 2024.**
5. Manuscripts must comprise 15–25 pages of poems (not including title page and table of contents.) Each poem should begin on a new page. Manuscripts may contain some poems previously published in journals if the poet retains copyright and the manuscript as a whole has not been previously published. Please note journal acknowledgements in your covering letter.
6. Manuscripts must be formatted in 12 pt. font, single spaced, and pages must be numbered. A title page and table of contents should be included. **Do not include any identifying information within the manuscript itself. Manuscripts will be blind judged.** Please include a **SEPARATE** one-page cover letter identifying the title of your submission and include a short biographical paragraph along with contact information, including email and phone number.
7. Manuscripts may be submitted in **hard copy** to: Diana Hayes, Raven Chapbooks, 138 McAllister Road, Salt Spring Island BC V8K 1M4, or **electronically** as separate PDF files: one file for the manuscript which should include title page, table of contents, and page numbers but no identifying information, and a **separate PDF** file which includes cover letter, manuscript title, and short bio. Email digital files to: **RainbowPublishers@shaw.ca** **Include your name and Raven Contest 2024 in the subject line.** For mailed copies, include an SASE if you wish to receive your manuscript back after the contest.

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8. The shortlist will be announced no later than February 15, 2025 and the winning manuscript will be announced on **March 1st, 2025**. The winner will be contacted by phone and the announcement will be posted on the website:
<https://www.ravenchapbooks.ca/contest/>
9. The winning manuscript will be published in **June 2025** in an edition of 135 copies. Design and production details will be negotiated with the poet. A publishing contract will be provided.