



Paying It Forward – Submission Instructions & Details

We're thrilled you're here and ready to share your words.

Below you'll find everything you need to submit your poem for consideration in the Paying It Forward feature of The Greatest Silence She Ever Heard.

Who Can Submit?

- Kids (ages 6–12)
- Teens (ages 13–18)
- Adults (ages 18+)

You don't need to be an experienced poet — just someone with something to say.

What We're Looking For:

- Poems written from the heart
- Free verse or structured — your choice
- Pieces that express truth, imagination, emotion, or personal growth

We're not judging grammar or perfection. We're looking for connection.

What Does 'Each Season' Mean?

Entries should be submitted by September 30, 2025, to be considered for inclusion in author Tammy Friedman's anthology, The Greatest Silence She Ever Heard.

Poems received after this date will still be considered for our ongoing Treasure Trove Spotlight and other future opportunities.

How It Works:

Each season, a limited number of submissions will be selected to appear in a special print anthology section titled Paying It Forward. These poems will be published alongside author Tammy Friedman's work.

In addition, select poems may be:

- Featured in the Treasure Trove Spotlight on The Poet's Playground
- Included in future anthologies or poetic showcases

How to Submit:

Send your poem using the "Contact Us / Send a Note" form — or simply click the "Contact Me" button located under the Submit Your Entry or Inquiry section on this page.

Be sure to include your name, poem title, and age group. For students under 18, please attach the completed permission form.

Submission Deadline for Anthology:

September 30, 2025

All entries received by this date will be considered for inclusion in the Paying It Forward section. Submissions received after the deadline will still be reviewed monthly for possible inclusion in the Treasure Trove Spotlight on The Poet's Playground.

Submit your entry or inquiry by using the "Contact Me" button on the page.

Your email will be acknowledged within 48 hours.

If you are submitting an entry for your student or are under 18, please include the signed permission form with your submission.

Even if your poem isn't selected this round, it may still be featured on the site.

Your voice is always worth sharing.

We can't wait to read your words. Let's keep the poetry moving forward.

