



# The Kokoy F. Guevara Poetry Competition

The Kokoy F. Guevara Poetry Competition was established by the friends and family of the late poet Francisco F. Guevara, in partnership with the De La Salle University (DLSU) Department of Literature and the Bienvenido N. Santos Creative Writing Center (BNSCWC), to commemorate his life and work.

Kokoy F. Guevara, whose poetry and prose have appeared in both local and international publications, was a writer and teacher. His poetry collection *The Reddest Herring* was published in 2015 by the University of Santo Tomas Publishing House. He also published two chapbook-length interviews in the *Critics in Conversation* series of the DLSU Publishing House. He earned his Master of Fine Arts degree from the Iowa Writers' Workshop in 2010 where he was a teaching-writing fellow.

Guevara spent his years writing masterful verses, and through his work as a teacher he encouraged many others to write their own. The Kokoy F. Guevara Poetry Competition intends to continue his work by promoting interest in poetry in the Philippines and providing an opportunity through which talented writers may be recognized.

## Eligibility

The contest is open to poets of all ages who are Filipino citizens. It is also open to poets of any nationality residing or studying in Iowa, USA.

BNSCWC personnel, Board of Associates, and Advisory Council are not eligible for the competition.

## Entries

An entry must consist of at least five (5) and not more than ten (10) unpublished poems written in English.

Entries must be e-mailed to [kokoyguevarapriz@gmail.com](mailto:kokoyguevarapriz@gmail.com). Entries must be in PDF format, typed in size-12 Arial or Times New Roman double-spaced font.

Entries not complying with competition rules will be disqualified.

## Submission Requirements

Each entry must be accompanied by a separate page that includes the following information:

1. The poet's first, middle and last name, as well as any nickname and/or pseudonym;
2. 2" x 2" photo;
3. Date of birth;
4. Full contact information (postal address valid for the next 12 months, e-mail address, landline phone number and mobile number); and
5. For Filipino citizens, proof of citizenship (e.g., scanned copy of passport, driver's license or

student ID), and for residents of Iowa, USA (e.g., scanned copy of driver's license or student ID).

No entry fee is required. Only one entry per contestant will be accepted.

Entries shall be accepted from 28 November 2015 to 28 June 2016.

## Board of Judges

The entries will be judged by a panel of judges from the Philippines and the United States. The panel of judges shall have absolute discretion regarding any matter relating to the qualifications and rules of the contest. The decision of the Board of Judges is final.

## Prizes

First Prize	-	PHP25,000
Second Prize	-	PHP15,000
Third Prize	-	PHP10,000

The prizes are offered as gross amounts. Winners are responsible for any taxes and fees resulting from their prizes.

For US entries, the prizes will be the US-Dollar equivalent of the aforementioned amounts, based on the rate of exchange on the day the winners are announced.

The winners will be announced on 28 October 2016. Winners will be notified via e-mail, SMS, and/or telephone.

## Copyright

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## Privacy Policy

All personal information submitted will remain confidential and will be used solely for notification purposes. Personal information submitted shall not be made public.

## Governing Law

Governing law for this contest shall be Philippine law.

## Disclaimer

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