Unidad Educativa Bilingüe
TORREMAR

15th Interscholastic Poetry Contest

TORREMAR FIFTEENTH INTERSCHOLASTIC POETRY CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

Elegibility: The Torremar Interscholastic Poetry Contest is open to all students enrolled from I to III Baccalaureate, regardless of experience or previous publication, except where prohibited. Each entrant will write a poem of no more than one side of a page on any of the themes provided on the official writing sheet, and in any form, provided that the content of the poem is not vulgar or offensive, does not employ profanity, and is the original work of the entrant. Entrants will retain copyright on their work. All entrants will do their writing at our school and before our judges and may not submit their work before the event.

Contest Dates: The contest will be held at our school, and it will take place on **December 11, 2026, at 8:30 am**. The event will end at 14:00 approximately.

Selection: Poems will be judged based on originality, organization, elements of poetry, word choice, and language conventions. Poems containing profanity, vulgarity, or offensive material will be automatically disqualified.

Prizes: There will be first, second, and third place winners who will get awards for their outstanding performance and surprise grand prizes. Certificates and other consolation prizes will also be awarded to the rest of the participants to encourage all our youngsters to pursue literary endeavours.

Decisions: The panel of judges consists of members of the educational private sector and all their decisions are considered final.

Fees: There are no entry fees for any of the contestants. No purchase whatsoever.

Copyrights: The author retains all copyrights to the submitted poem.

Notification: Winners will be notified on the same day of the contest.

Confirmation: The deadline to confirm your attendance to our contest is **December 4, 2026.** When confirming, please do so by completing the format in the following link: **https://torremar.edu.ec/english-contest/**

Number of entrants and guests: Each school has to submit two contestants, and they are allowed to be accompanied by a delegation of five students, one teacher, and, if you wish, a parent per contestant. Our school will provide a coffee break for all our contestants, teachers, and judges. (**Because of logistics, we would like to know the size of your delegation in advance.).**

Electronic devices: Contestants are not allowed to use any kind of electronic device during the contest, regardless of the excuse or circumstances. If this were to happen, the contestant would be automatically disqualified.

Punctuality: All contestants must be present at the time we have stated. Otherwise, the contestants will be disqualified.