

2026 BARROW STREET PRESS BOOK CONTEST

The Barrow Street Press Book Prize will be awarded to the best previously unpublished manuscript of poetry in English. The winner will receive book publication by Barrow Street Press, and \$1,500.

The Barrow Street Editors Prize will be awarded to a manuscript of extraordinary merit. The winner will receive a book contract and publication with Barrow Street Press.

Judge: Srikanth Reddy

Deadline: June 30, 2026

Fee: \$30

Online submissions only. Please note that our system does not accept American Express credit cards.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submit a 50-80 page unpublished manuscript of original poetry in English. Please number the pages of your manuscript and include a table of contents. An acknowledgments page is optional.

Important note: manuscripts by current and former students and close friends of the contest judge will not be considered. If for any reason the contest judge is unable to choose a winner, the editorial board will make the final decision.

ONLINE SUBMISSION

Use our Online Submission Manager to enter your contact information, upload the file containing your manuscript and pay the contest entry fee. Please include your full contact info in the submission manager only. Follow the instructions on the submission manager main page and be sure to select "Book Contest" from the genre drop down menu to pay the contest entry fee. The author's name, address, and telephone number should not appear anywhere in the manuscript. You will need to upload the file containing your manuscript in either .doc(x) or .pdf format.

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anywhere. Simultaneous submissions are allowed, but if your manuscript is selected for publication by another press, please withdraw your manuscript from this contest by emailing the contest manager, rrothenberg.barrowstreet@gmail.com. Contest entry fees are non-refundable.

As Barrow Street is an independent, mostly volunteer-run non-profit press, charging submission fees during our contest periods is a necessity. However, we understand that contest fees are often an obstacle that prevents many worthy writers from sending their work. We offer a limited number of discounted contest entries, available upon request.

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