



# Realizing Oneself: Being Young and LGBTQ in America Today

## DGMC Poetry Contest Entry Form

The Dayton Gay Men's Chorus wants to hear from the youth of our community, and put their voices with our voices. This contest encourages 14 – 24 year old Miami Valley residents to submit poetry, that will be put to song for 3 original compositions. The top 3 will be invited to join the DGMC at our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Pride Concert June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018. In addition, there will be cash awards of \$1000, \$750 and \$500 for the top 3 finalists.

Entrants are strongly encouraged to adhere to a four-stanza format, and may use meter and rhyme, however both meter and rhyme are not required. The final entries will be judged in three main areas:

- **Technical** will look at the text both in employing specific poetic convention or departing from it. Correct employment of the English language, style and grammar
- **Artistic** judging criteria will look at the contestants use of imagery and emotion to convey the theme. This area will also look at innovation, creativity and originality.
- **Employment of the theme**, this area will focus on the writers own experience in what it means to be LGBTQ in the Miami Valley today. The writer doesn't have to be LGBTQ themselves to experience this, as strong allies are important in any movement.

Name (Last, First):

Date Of Birth:

Phone Number:

Address:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email Address:

What school are you attending?

Poem title:

Please attach typed or printed text to this application form and mail to:

Dayton Gay Men's Chorus  
P.O. Box 642  
Dayton, OH 45401-0642

Questions or to submit electronically, email Drew Huggins at [president@daytongaymenschorus.org](mailto:president@daytongaymenschorus.org)

**Deadline for submissions is 12/1/2017**