

**NOTEBOOK OF FRIENDSHIP**  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
FOR EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

**International contest for young poets «Easy Line»  
in the framework of the International program «Notebook of Friendship»**

The poems are not written – happen  
Like feelings or an evening glow.  
Your soul’s an unconscious partner.  
You haven’t written. - Gift is now.  
**Andrey Voznesenskiy**

What can develop imagination and exercise your brain? Ability to expose emotions and feelings in words, express the charm of the surrounding world, the way into the human soul – that’s what poetry is.

In 2017, the National Association for Education Development «Notebook of Friendship» have launched a test activity that challenges masters of the pens and amateurs of creative writing.

For the first time the International contest for young poets «Easy Line» is to be held within the framework of the «Notebook of Friendship» program! The contest aims at developing the interest of schoolchildren in the author’s creative writing. It is dedicated to the celebration of the International Day of Peace, adopted by the UN General Assembly in order to strengthen the ideals of peace among all countries and peoples in the name of the 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs). As part of this creative challenge the «notebooks of friendship» will act as literary diaries of fledgling poets where children will write a composition devoted to friendship, peace on Earth, favorite corners of nature, family, the significance of good deeds, the importance of education, the necessity for tolerance and others.


The purpose of the «Easy Line» is to publish a collection of literary works by the participants of the «Notebook of Friendship» program, dedicated to the Sustainable Development Goals (hereinafter - SDGs), announced by the UN in 2015.

Participation is open for schoolchildren from all over the world.

**Simple step-by-step guidelines to take part**

You will need to:

1. Fulfill the application form on the website: <http://xn--80aadkbcl3a5cfobu8i.xn--p1ai/forms/pen/>
2. Get a mockup of the copybook cover from the «Notebook of Friendship» organizing team.
3. Fulfill the copybook in accordance with the contest

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4. Sent fulfilled copybooks to the Central Office of the «Notebook of Friendship» Association: Petropavlovskaya st. 185, (ofc.313), 614068, Perm, Russia.

### Nominations

Within the framework of the «Easy Line» contest, participants fill out their «Notebooks of Friendship» in accordance with one of the following nominations:

- «*Health is in the trend*» - poems dedicated to promotion of health and proper nutrition, preventive actions of bad habits, achievement of great results in sports, encouraging people of our planet to lead a healthy lifestyle.
- «*Friendship without borders*» - poems dedicated to friendship without regard to nationality, religion, place of living, social status and physical abilities.
- «*Home, Sweet Home*» - poems dedicated to the place where you were born and live, to its historical and cultural heritage, glorifying nature, telling about history and traditions, special residents, etc.
- «*Blue Earth*» - poems dedicated to lakes, rivers, seas or oceans, describing the enchanting tranquility and unimaginable power of the water element, and calling for the preservation of the marine ecosystems and other water bodies of our planet.
- «*Green Planet*» - poems describing the beauty of forests, fields, mountains, the diversity of the animal world, and calling all people of the planet to preserve land ecosystems.
- «*Young envoys of the Peace*» - poems calling all the inhabitants of our planet to live in peace and universal harmony, dedicated to the ability of people from different countries to find a common language.

The organizing committee is accepting original works written in English or Russian and not published previously. The number of poems each author can submit is unlimited.

In order to immerse deeper in the atmosphere of the contest and get additional points, it is desirable for young poets to draw illustrations for their creative works in the format of sketches. The sketch is a quick drawing made on pages of a copybook («notebook of friendship»).

### Main dates and determination of winners

Terms of the contest: September 28, 2017 - December 1, 2017.


Deadline for accepting the applications is November 4, 2017.

The results of the contest will be announced on December 15, 2017.

The list of the winners of the contest will be published on the website of the «Notebook of Friendship» Association: <http://xn--80aadkbc13a5cfobu8i.xn--p1ai/>

*When checking works, the Organizing Committee evaluates:*

- singularity (individual author's style);
- matching of works to the topics of the chosen nomination;
- quality of the rhyme;
- compliance with the rhythm, meter and size;
- expressiveness;
- emotionality;
- explicit plot;
- creative design of the copybook.



Winners of the contest will receive special diplomas, valuable prizes from the Organizers and Partners, bonus points that will influence the place in the overall «Notebook of Friendship» program rating of activity.

As a result of the contest, the author of the best poem will have an opportunity to read his work at the II International roundtable «Children's social and cultural initiatives for the World Peace» in the framework of the International Conference #INFOCUS in 2018 at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Switzerland).

The best works will be included in the Collection of literary works of the participants of the «Notebook of Friendship» program, dedicated to the SDGs.

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