



**DOROTHY GODDARD CAPMAN
POETRY AWARD**

Throughout her life, Dorothy Goddard Capman was a poet. Her purpose in writing poetry was simple: She honored people she loved with a poem for any special occasion. She wrote many poems of prayer, some of introspection and many of fun.

Dorothy had little formal education, but she valued education highly and would settle for nothing less than a fine education for her children. She was a great advisor when her children had writing assignments. One of her most valuable pieces of advice to her children was “always write about something of which you have personal knowledge. Whether you are writing about science, history, life or feelings, you will never go wrong if you write about what you know.”

Dorothy truly believed in education, but she did have one criticism. She always thought that public education put far too little emphasis upon the written word. Dorothy would often muse, “Wouldn’t it be wonderful if poets got awards in schools, like athletes do! I think it’s just as remarkable to write a poem as it is to catch a football. Don’t you?”

In honor of Dorothy, the Capman family established an award for poetry at Marshall Middle Schools. Each contestant may submit up to three (3) entries.

The Awards are as follows:

- 1st - \$100
- 2nd - \$75
- 3rd - \$50

- 1st – Comic Muse \$50
- 2nd –Comic Muse \$25

Please complete the following application form and submit up to 3 original poems of your creation (**please type or use black ink**). Entries may be submitted to the Foundation **no later than April 1**. Poems will be judged by a panel comprised of local authors, educators and professionals with a history of working closely with this age group. Entries may be submitted to:

Marshall Community Foundation
614 Homer Rd.
Marshall, MI 49068

Recipients will be notified and special recognition will take place near the end of the school year. If you have questions, please call the Marshall Community Foundation at 269.781.2273 or e-mail info@marshallcf.org.

Name _____ Grade _____

School _____ Number of Entries _____

Titles of Entries _____

How did you develop an interest in writing poetry? Why do you enjoy writing poetry?

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____