## 2020 PLP Teen Conference Stepping Stones to Success VISUAL POETRY CONTEST GUIDELINES

**Contest:** Create a visual poem that describes your stepping stones to success.

You can choose to have the content of your poem:

Describe the steps you have had to take in order to be successful

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## **Guidelines**:

- 1. Use regular sized printer paper (8  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11). Use only one page for your entry. Final entry must fit on the 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 page
- 2. Poem must use your own original words, you cannot use a poem someone else wrote. No profanity allowed. The poem can rhyme, but does not have to! It can be long or short. It just needs to fit on one page.
- 3. Create a visual for your poem to be displayed, this can be through making your words into a picture, using borders, scrap booking, drawing, coloring, using pictures, emphasizing letters or words, etc.
- 4. Submit your visual poem with the contest submission form.

## <u>Tips:</u>

- Think about your poem first. Then after you have your poem, think about how you can be creative in visualizing it. Think about what visual enhances or compliments your words or message.
- It may be helpful to know that your visual poem entry will be judged on the following criteria:
  - 1. Content of your poem: the message, if it is well-written, and original
  - 2. Creativity: your design, if it complements the message, uniqueness
  - 3. Overall: the whole package, your poem, your visual and your submission form!
- See submission form for details on submitting your visual poem contest entry.
- Come to the conference on May 13, 2020 to win and see your peers' entries.

Good Luck to All Our Poets!





