WRITE NOW

The UI Alumni and Friends Writing Contests

The University of Iowa Alumni & Friends Annual

Hawkeye Haiku Writing Contest

November 3-14, 2025

Milestone

What's a milestone to you? A big achievement, a special celebration, or a moment you'll never forget?

*Join the University of Iowa Alumni and Friends **Hawkeye Haiku Contest**—free to enter and open to Grades 3–12! This year's theme celebrates the Iowa Memorial Union's 100th anniversary. Write your own 5–7–5 haiku and share your creativity!*

Contest Categories

- Grades 3-4
- Grades 5-6
- Grades 7-8
- Grades 9-12
- Adult (alum and non-alum)

How it works:

- **Theme**: Your haiku must capture an aspect of this year's contest theme: "milestone."
- **Length**: Submissions must follow the traditional haiku format — five syllables in the first line, seven syllables in the second line, and five syllables in the third line. Entries more than three lines will be disqualified.
- **Style**: Your haiku can repeat words, does not need to rhyme, and can include words or sounds.
- **Submit**: Between November 3 (9 a.m.) to November 14 (4 p.m.), submit your haiku entry online at: **foriowa.org/write-now**

Entries for minor-aged contest participants (under age 18) must be submitted by a parent or guardian.

Win Fabulous Prizes

School-aged winners will receive an Iowa scribe pack, with a writing journal, canvas bag, and a $25 Bookshop.org gift card.

More information about the Hawkeye Haiku contest & full contest rules, visit: foriowa.org/write-now
(The website will be live starting October 20, 2025)

Contest Contact: University of Iowa Center for Advancement, One Park Rd W., Iowa City, IA 52242. E-mail: write.now@foriowa.org

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