



**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 for Middle School students.

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 June 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  
[info@marshallcf.org](mailto:info@marshallcf.org)

If you choose to email your application, it is recommended you call the Foundation to confirm it is received. Recipients will be notified via mail. If you have questions, please call the Marshall Community Foundation at 269.781.2273 or e-mail [info@marshallcf.org](mailto:info@marshallcf.org).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Entries \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you develop an interest in writing poetry? Why do you enjoy writing poetry?  
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Parent/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_