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NCTE Award For Excellence In Poetry for Children

The National Council of Teachers of English recognizes and fosters excellence in children's poetry by encouraging its publication and by exploring ways to acquaint teachers and children with poetry through such means as publications, programs, and displays.

As one means of accomplishing this goal, NCTE established the Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children in 1977 to honor a living American poet for his or her aggregate work for children. Past recipients of the award are:

Lee Bennett Hopkins, 2009

Nikki Grimes, 2006

Mary Ann Hoberman, 2003

X.J. Kennedy, 2000

Eloise Greenfield, 1997

Barbara Juster Esbensen, 1994

Valerie Worth, 1991

Arnold Adoff, 1988

Lilian Moore, 1985

John Ciardi, 1982

Eve Merriam, 1981

Myra Cohn Livingston, 1980

Karla Kuskin, 1979

Aileen Fisher, 1978

David McCord, 1977