Title: POET: Proof of Equity Token Subtitle: The Next-Gen NFT Framework for Verifiable Contribution, Equity, and Identity

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Overview

POET is a next-generation token protocol that transforms the utility of NFTs from static representations of art or assets into dynamic, living proofs of contribution and equity. Operating as a trust layer for DAOs, grant systems, startups, and collaborative ecosystems, POET is a verifiable contract that locks, records, and distributes value based on real, trackable work.

Core Features

1. Milestone-Driven Token Issuance

- Contributors are issued POETs only upon verified completion of key milestones.
- Milestone criteria are transparent, on-chain, and governed by a public standard or project-specific ruleset.
- Missed or breached milestones trigger burn protocols.

2. Burn + Revocation Logic

- The Fool Me Twice Protocol:
- One missed milestone may be appealed.
- Two missed in a row trigger caution.
- Three missed milestones = automatic burn.
- Burned tokens are removed from the contributor's record, erasing trust weight.

3. Metadata-Embedded Contribution Trail

- Each POET carries embedded metadata of the contributor's actions, timestamps, collaborators, and verification source.
- This data is AI-readable and DAO-verifiable.

4. Equity Binding + Future Share Weight

- POETs can be tied to future token distributions, revenue-sharing agreements, or access to equity pools.
- Contributors retain claim to project success long after initial involvement.

5. Appeals + Human Oversight Layer

- One extension per milestone permitted via appeals form.
- Extension approvals are human-reviewed, ensuring flexibility.

Expansion Roadmap

A. POET Identity Protocol (PIP)

- A modular identity verification layer.
- Integrates biometrics (face/fingerprint) with wallet-based auth.
- Provides AI systems with immediate, encrypted proof of personhood.
- Enables real-time verification across services, even during system downtime.
- Builds a contextual, contribution-driven sovereign identity trail.

B. POET Sync Protocol (PSP)

- Enables cross-chain recognition of POETs.
- Contributors build one trail, verified across all major chains.
- Utilizes existing infrastructure like LayerZero or Chainlink CCIP.
- Ensures universal wallet and protocol recognition across EVM-compatible ecosystems.

Use Cases

- **Grant Systems**: Funds released only when POET-minted milestones are completed.
- **DAOs**: Verifiable contribution records replace verbal agreements or forum posts.
- **Startups**: Equitable ownership tied to work, not popularity or position.
- **Education**: Learning milestones minted as verifiable, earned credentials.
- **AI Systems**: Trust layer readable by autonomous agents.
- **Sovereign Identity**: Optional module builds contextual ID from real, recorded work.
- **Interoperability**: POETs maintain validity and recognition across chains and dApps.

Ask

We seek grant funding to: - Deploy POET on a public chain - Expand milestone tracking logic and build modular identity support - Launch ecosystem pilots with DAOs, grant programs, and startup accelerators - Begin development on cross-chain operability infrastructure

Amount Requested: $25,000
Timeline: 6 weeks (core deployment + 3 pilots)

Conclusion

POET is not an NFT. It is a signal. A timestamped, unforgeable proof that *you did the work*. It changes how trust is built, value is distributed, and contributions are remembered.

Let this be the standard. Let POET speak.