

# REFLECTIONS ON RIVERSIDE STUDENT POETRY CONTEST

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The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside invites Riverside-area students to submit original "Reflections on Riverside" to our third annual student Poetry contest.

**Theme:** Reflect or encourage reflection upon any of **Riverside's natural spaces**.

**Format:** Poetry - any style or length

**Criteria:** Students should spend time out in Riverside's landscape for inspiration, though specific identifiers - such as Riverside, Swan Pond, etc. - are not required to be included in the poem.

Judging is based on: **strength of theme** (10), **appropriateness of title** (5), **meter/rhythm** (25), **originality** (25), **clarity and tone** (20), **suitability of verse style for subject** (10) and **spelling and grammar** (5).

**Rules:** Poems must be the student's original work, created for this contest. Poems previously published, in print or on-line, are ineligible.

Poems must be typewritten on standard letter sized (8.5" x 11") paper. Elementary school students may receive adult assistance with typing.

A completed Entry Form must be paper-clipped to the back of the Poem. Poems must be free of student names/identifying information.

One entry per student will be accepted. Entries will not be returned.

**Prizes:** \$ 25 to the winner from each participating Elementary school (multiple)  
\$ 50 to the winner at the Junior High level (single)

Poems of the winners and runners-up may be published in the Frederick Law Olmsted Society Newsletter. All entries shall be published in a professionally-bound book to be maintained in the Olmsted Room of the Riverside Public Library.

**Deadline:** Entries must be post-marked by **May 1, 2009**.

