



The Frederick Law Olmsted  
Society of Riverside

# Reflections On Riverside

## 2018 Student Poetry Contest

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society invites Riverside-area students in grades 1-8 to explore this National Historic Landmark landscape and submit their original “Reflections on Riverside” to our 2018 Student Poetry Contest.

**DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2018**

### THEME

Poetry reflecting or encouraging reflection upon any of Riverside’s natural spaces. While the natural area need not be identified by name, time should be spent outside in Riverside’s landmark landscape for inspiration.

### RULES

Students in grades 1-8 residing in Berwyn, Brookfield, Lyons, North Riverside or Riverside or attending any Riverside school may enter.

Poems must be original work, created for this contest.

Poems must be submitted to [poetrycontest@olmstedsociety.org](mailto:poetrycontest@olmstedsociety.org)  
The e-mail must contain: 1) the poem title, 2) student’s name, 3) school, 4) grade, 5) home address, 6) phone, 7) e-mail, and 8) name of parent or legal guardian.

The poem must be attached separately to the e-mail and must be free of student identifying information.

Entering by e-mail constitutes both student and parental agreement to the Certifications set forth on the reverse.

One entry per student will be accepted.

### CRITERIA

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).

### PRIZES

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society will award:

**\$25** to the top winner at each grade level, 1-5.

**\$50** to the winner at the Junior High level (grades 6-8).

Poems of the winners and runners-up may be featured in the Frederick Law Olmsted Society Newsletter and on its Website, [www.olmstedsociety.org](http://www.olmstedsociety.org).

All entries are eligible for publication in professionally-bound volumes to be maintained in the Olmsted Collection and in the Local Authors Section of the Riverside Public Library.

The Riverside Public Library will award honors for the most nature-oriented poem(s) at a special ceremony to be held at the Brookfield Zoo this summer. (Date TBA)

Please Note: Family members of poetry contest judges are not eligible for cash awards.

