



The Frederick Law Olmsted
Society of Riverside

Reflections On Riverside

2019 Student Poetry Contest

Riverside-area students in grades 1-12 are invited to enter the Olmsted Society's 2019 *Reflections on Riverside* Poetry Contest.

In honor of Riverside's 150th Anniversary, students are asked to incorporate reflections upon one or more elements of Riverside's landscape design - such as roads, paths, trees, plantings, views, and green and open space.

DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2019

THEME

Poetry reflecting upon or encouraging reflection upon Riverside's landscape design. Time should be spent outside in Riverside's landmark landscape for inspiration.

RULES

Students in grades 1-12 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, and must be free from student identifying information.

Email entries to poetrycontest@olmstedsociety.org with cover including: 1) 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.

Poems must be attached separately to the e-mail or submitted as a Googledoc with viewing access granted.

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 (15), Appropriateness of Title (5), Meter/Rhythm (25), Originality (25), Clarity and Tone (20), Suitability of Verse Style for Subject (5) and Spelling and Grammar (5).

PRIZES

The Olmsted Society will award:

\$100 to the winner at the High School level.

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

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

Poems may be featured in the Frederick Law Olmsted Society Newsletter and at 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.

Additional honors for nature-oriented poem(s) will be awarded and all participants will be invited to read their poems at a June 29 ceremony to be held at the Brookfield Zoo.

Please Note: Family members of Poetry Contest judges are not eligible for cash awards.

