



The Frederick Law Olmsted
Society of Riverside

Reflections On Riverside

2022 Student Poetry Contest

Riverside-area students in grades 1-12 are invited to enter the Olmsted Society's 2022 *Reflections on Riverside* Poetry Contest. As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of Frederick Law Olmsted's birth, we ask you to reflect on "Riverside Roots."

Step outside and explore Riverside's natural spaces. What plants or animals can you find rooted in Riverside? What roots run deep around you and perhaps even *within* you? Look slow. Listen long. Observe, reflect, and share. Poems of any style or length exploring this year's theme are welcome.

DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2022

THEME

"Riverside Roots." Time should be spent in Riverside's natural spaces 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. Body should include: 1) 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.

Poems must be attached separately or submitted as a GoogleDoc with general viewing access granted.

Entering by email 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 will be awarded and all participants will be invited to read their poems at a ceremony to be held in summer.

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

