

JEFFERSON-MADISON REGIONAL LIBRARY AND WRITERHOUSE PRESENT A

# POETRY CONTEST FOR ADULTS

A part of the #TheWrite2Heal Series



## guidelines



### WHAT DO I DO?

- Submit **ONE** poem by mail to WriterHouse or via JMRL's online submission form between March 1 and **April 30, 2020**. See page 2 of this form for designated submission information.
- Poem must be the contestant's original, unpublished work. Previous winners of this contest are not eligible.
- **Your poem must be THIRTY (30) lines or less.** Poems longer than this will not be considered.
- Contestants may express any theme or use any poetic form in their entry.
- **TYPE** your entry on unlined, white paper.
- Only include your title and poem on the front of your entry (**no names please**). Detach the form below with your name and contact information and tape it to the **BACK** of your entry.
- **Thursday, April 30, 2020 is the (updated) deadline for submission.** Entries submitted after this date will not be considered.
- This contest is open to **ages 18 and older**. If you will turn 18 by **April 30, 2020**, you are eligible.
- Entrants must reside in Central Virginia. Employees of JMRL and WriterHouse are not eligible for the competition.
- By entering the contest, contestants give permission to the sponsoring organizations to read, display, or otherwise publicize the content of their contest submissions.

### HOW WILL THE WINNERS BE CHOSEN?

- A panel of judges will review the entries. Finalists will be judged by Poet Laureate of Virginia, Henry Hart, who will choose the winning entry and runner-up. Judges' decisions are final.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I WIN?

- The winner will receive a \$200 Visa gift card, and the runner-up will receive a \$100 Visa gift card compliments of the JMRL Friends of the Library and WriterHouse.
- The winners of this contest will be contacted directly and a public announcement will be posted online at [jmrlblog.com](http://jmrlblog.com). Winners will receive their prizes by mail.

**Questions?** Contact Hayley Tompkins at [htompkins@jmrl.org](mailto:htompkins@jmrl.org) or Sibley Johns at [execdir@writerhouse.org](mailto:execdir@writerhouse.org).

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**IF MAILING ENTRY, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND TAPE IT TO THE BACK OF YOUR ENTRY.  
SEE HOW TO SUBMIT ON PAGE 2 OF THIS FORM. SUBMIT BY **APRIL 30, 2020**.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to the rules and terms of this contest:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**how to submit your entry:**

SUBMIT ENTRIES ONLINE AT:

<https://jmrl.org/poetry-contest.php>

SUBMIT ENTRIES BY MAIL TO:

## WRITERHOUSE

508 Dale Avenue  
Charlottesville, VA 22902  
(434) 296-1922



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