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- Poem must be the contestant’s original, unpublished work.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. Winners will receive their prizes by mail.

Questions? Contact Hayley Tompkins at htompkins@jmrl.org or Sibley Johns at execdir@writerhouse.org.
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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

ATTACH FORM TO BACK OF ENTRY (IF MAILED)