

# *JW Riley Poetry Contest*

The Riley Festival is pleased to promote the art of poetry in honor of James Whitcomb Riley, the famous “Hoosier Poet.”

Contestants for the JW Riley Poetry Contest should enter in one of the following two categories:

## **OPEN CATEGORY**

Adult Division (18 yrs and up) OR

Junior Division (under age 18)

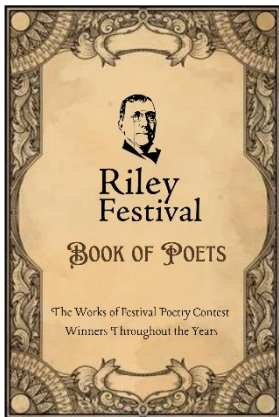
- Poetry of any type will be accepted
- 500 word maximum
- \$50 award to winners in both the adult and junior divisions
- No more than two entries per person

## **THEME CATEGORY**

Adult Division (18 yrs and up) OR

Junior Division (under age 18)

- Poetry must be written to incorporate the 2024 Festival Theme: “A Barefoot Boy”
- 500 word maximum
- \$50 award to winners in both the adult and junior divisions
- No more than one entry per person



## **BOOK OF POETS WINNER**

The four winning poems from each division/both categories will be considered for the Grand Prize of inclusion in the Riley Festival Book of Poets along with *an additional* \$50 award. The Book of Poets will be posted on the festival website ([www.RileyFestival.com](http://www.RileyFestival.com)) and will feature the year's winning festival poem.

## **How to Enter / Contest Rules / Additional Info:**

- 1) Open a new email and type your name, address, and contact phone number.
- 2) Place your poem, 500 words maximum, in the body of the email (not as an attachment).
- 3) In the Subject Line, list the category and division (for example: OPEN CATEGORY / JUNIOR DIVISION).
- 4) Send your email to [JWRileyPoetryContest@gmail.com](mailto:JWRileyPoetryContest@gmail.com).
- 5) Entries must be received by midnight Monday, September 30, 2024.
- 6) No more than two entries permitted per person in the Open Category and one entry person in the Theme Category. (An individual may enter both categories, but no more than three poems total may be submitted by an individual.) Send each entry in a separate email.
- 7) Winners will be notified by phone and by email and are encouraged to attend the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, October 6 at 3:00 p.m. in the festival entertainment tent where they will receive their ribbons and checks. If you are unable to attend, you may pick up your awards at the festival office.
- 8) Poems may be on display for festival goers to enjoy throughout the festival.
- 9) By entering the contest, contestants consent to their poem being “published” on the festival website.
- 10) If you have questions, contact Rhonda at (317) 694-1451 or [rcook7859@gmail.com](mailto:rcook7859@gmail.com).