



NINTH BERKS COUNTY POET LAUREATE COMPETITION 2021

SPONSOR: Reading Area Community College

COORDINATOR: Jodi Corbett

PURPOSE: Recognition and promotion of excellence in poetry

ELIGIBILITY: All Berks County residents 18 years or older, who are established and published.

ENTRY RULES:

- Manuscripts will be accepted in English and Spanish. For poets who submit a manuscript in Spanish, please provide the English translation.
- No more than five original works to be submitted
- Any style, form or length
- All submissions to be original published or unpublished
- Each poem to begin on a new page
- Typed, word processed, one side only
- **DO NOT** place your name or address on any of the poetry pages
- Attach **Entry Form** with paper clip to packet of poetry, clearly print your name, address, telephone (cell), e-mail address and titles of poetry on the Entry Form
- If return of poetry is desired, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope
- All entries will be judged anonymously

DEADLINE: Online submissions are encouraged however; paper submissions will be accepted via U.S. mail or in person. Entries must be received via mail or in person **no later than Friday 5:00 p.m. on December 4, 2020**. In addition, the deadline to submit electronically via <https://www.racc.edu/poetry> is **no later than Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**

NOTIFICATION OF WINNER: Winner will be notified by mail and by telephone no later than January 29, 2021. All other contestants will be notified by mail.

AWARDS: \$500.00 ONE TIME HONORARIUM. Formal award presentation will occur in April 2021 during National Poetry Month.

JUDGES: The initial screening will be done locally. The final selection will be made by a nationally recognized poet who resides outside of Berks County.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Please call RACC at 610.372.4721, Ext. 6219, or e-mail jcorbett@racc.edu
Reading Area Community College assumes no responsibility for loss of any work and will not be responsible for the return of work unless it is accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage.

In collaboration with

Barrio Alegria

Berks Bards

Berks County Public Libraries

Reading Area Community College