

Note

The deadline for submission is March 15, 2008.

The Arts Committee is not responsible for the contents of the submission packets. No packets will be returned.

Failure to maintain residency or work location in Albany during the term of appointment may result in termination of the appointment by the City.

The candidate selected will be required to sign a contract with the City. Due to the public nature of this position, the candidate must agree that any work submitted will meet certain criteria with regard to content.

See the website at http://www.albanyca.org/gov/bcc_arts.html. for more information.

The Albany Poet Laureate Program is administered by the Albany Arts Committee.

Please contribute!

The Albany Arts Committee intends to build a substantial fund that will eventually enable the Albany Poet Program to become self-sustaining.

The Poet Laureate Fund will cover the costs of honoraria, publicity, publications, and other related Program expenses.

Please become a patron of the Albany Poet Laureate Program by making a donation of any amount to the Poet Laureate fund.

Send your contribution to:

Albany Poet Laureate Program
c/o Albany Arts Committee
1249 Marin Avenue
Albany, CA 94706

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All contributions meet the IRS requirements for charitable deductions.



Announcing . . .

The Albany Poet Laureate Program

In 2008, our Centennial Year, the City of Albany will appoint a local writer as Albany's first Poet Laureate.

If you are an active poet and you live or work in Albany, you are invited to apply for this position.

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What is a Poet Laureate?

The honorary position of Poet Laureate is given to a writer who uses poetry to express and celebrate a spirit of community throughout the year and to foster a love of poetry and literature among citizens young and old.

The year 2008 is Albany's Centennial year and is thus a fitting time to begin a Poet Laureate program that will help us celebrate our shared history and community.

What does the Poet Laureate do?

As Albany Poet Laureate you will

- publicly present to the City at least 4 new poems each year for public occasions (example: First Day of Spring, Memorial Day Services, July 4th, Albany's Centennial Day)
- hold a poetry workshop at a lower-level school (middle or elementary) in year 1 of the term and at the high school in year 2 of the term
- once a year offer a public reading of his/her work and that of other poets at the library or other designated venue
- participate in other activities that promote poetry throughout the community

Length of appointment

The appointment of Poet Laureate is for two years. The first Poet Laureate will serve from May 2008 through December 2009 (the next appointment will begin in January 2010).

Honorarium

You will receive a total of \$1,500 for your two years of service as Poet Laureate.

Qualifications

To be considered for appointment, you must

- have lived or worked in Albany for at least 6 months prior to the application deadline date
- have a proven record of publication for at least 5 years and of at least 6 poems in paid-circulation magazines or 1 book of 48 pages or more
- have a record of active contribution as a poet, as acknowledged by your peers and by community involvement in the form of teaching, judging, or performance

To apply

Submit an application packet that includes the following materials:

- evidence that you meet the above qualifications (photocopies of published works, statement of residence or employment, news clips, web printouts, etc.)
- your resume and contact information
- two personal or professional references (maximum 300 words each)
- 10–15 pages of selections from your work, published or unpublished
- a personal statement not to exceed 500 words about why you are interested in the position and what activities and goals you want to pursue during your appointment
- [optional] a film (mpg) or recording (mp3) of you reciting your work (submit on a CD or DVD)

Finalists will be invited to an interview before the Selection Committee.

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