

# City of Albany Poet Laureate

**Submission deadline:  
Friday, April 29, 2011**

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In 2011, the City of Albany will appoint a local writer as Albany's next Poet Laureate. If you are an active poet and you live or work in Albany, you are invited to apply for this position.

## What is a Poet Laureate?

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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.

## What does the Poet Laureate do each year?

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- publicly presents to the City at least 4 new poems for public occasions
- holds a poetry workshop for Albany schoolchildren
- holds a public reading
- participates in activities that promote poetry throughout the community

## Length of appointment

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The appointment of Poet Laureate is for 2 years, beginning on July 1, 2011.

## Payment

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The Poet Laureate in years 2011–2013 is an entirely honorary position.

## Qualifications

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The Albany Poet Laureate must

- have lived or worked in Albany for at least 6 months prior to the application deadline date
- have a proven record of publication
- have a record of active contribution and community involvement as a poet

## To apply

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The following is a summary of application materials required. Please check online at the city website for a full application brochure, or pick up a brochure at the main desk of the Albany Community Center.

Submit **1 digital (on CD)** and **5 hard-copy sets** of the following materials:

- evidence that you meet the qualifications (photocopies of published works, statement of residence or employment, news clips, web printouts, etc.)
- your resume and contact information

- 2 personal or professional references (maximum 300 words each)
- no more than 20 pages of selections from your work, published or unpublished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 video (mpg) or recording (mp3) of you reciting your work

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

Deliver your submission before Friday, **April 29, 2011** to:

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

See the Poet Laureate website at <http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=725> for more information.

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