

Note

The deadline for submissions is Friday, April 29, 2011.

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

Please contribute!

The Albany Arts Committee intends to build a substantial fund that will enable the Albany Poet Laureate 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

For more information and contact information, see the City of Albany website at www.albanyca.org.

All contributions meet the IRS requirements for charitable deductions.

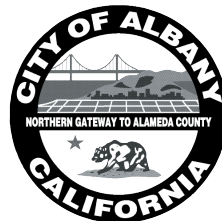
We are looking for the next

City of Albany Poet Laureate

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.

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



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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.

What does the Poet Laureate do?

Each year, as Albany Poet Laureate you will

- publicly present to the City at least 4 new poems for public occasions (example: Arbor Day Memorial Day Services, July 4th, Dinner with Albany)
- hold a poetry workshop for Albany schoolchildren
- offer a public reading of your work and that of other poets at the library or other designated venue
- participate in other activities that promote poetry throughout the community



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Christina Hutchins

was selected as the City of Albany's first Poet Laureate in 2008. She is widely published and has received numerous national awards for her poetry. Christina has lived in

Albany since 1995 and makes frequent appearances at local poetry readings.

Length of appointment

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

Payment

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

Qualifications

You must

- have lived or worked in Albany for at least 6 months prior to the application deadline date (“work” means that you work in Albany at least 20 hours a week)
- have a proven record of publication of at least 5 years and of at least 6 poems in paid-circulation magazines or in at least 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 **1 digital (on CD)** and **5 hard-copy sets** of 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
- 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:

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