

New Poet Guidelines Proposal:

What is a Poet Laureate?

The honorary position of Poet Laureate is given to a local writer who is currently active producing, sharing and promoting poetry in our community. The Poet Laureate represents the City of Albany and our commitment to the poetic arts.

What does the Poet Laureate do?

The Poet Laureate writes poems throughout each year and participates in community events, education, and readings. Each term as Albany Poet Laureate you will be expected to:

1. Publicly present to the City at least 3 new poems per year for public occasions of your choice (such as Arbor Day, Memorial Day Services, July 4th, and Dinner with Albany).
2. Hold at least one free public youth poetry event per year, which may include workshops during or after school, poetry slams, or readings.
3. Offer a public reading of your work and (if you so desire), that of other poets. This may be at the Albany Library or another designated venue.

Length of Appointment: The appointment of Poet Laureate is for 2 years, with an option for renewal.

Payment: The position of the City of Albany Poet Laureate is entirely honorary. You receive no payment.

Qualifications

You must:

- live and/or work in Albany currently, and for at least 6 months prior to the application deadline (“work” means that you work in Albany at least 20 hours a week)
- have a record of 5 years or more as a published poet, either in circulation magazines/books or in refereed online publications. Public performances and readings will also be considered.

- 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 (via CD or email) 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- no more than 20 pages of selections from your work, published or unpublished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, recording, or youtube or other link of you reciting your work

Deliver your submission to:

Albany Poet Laureate Program
c/o Albany Arts Committee
1249 Marin Avenue
Albany, CA 94706
Email digital files and links to:
albanyartcalendar@gmail.com

Current/Older Guidelines:

Submission deadline: Now accepting applications!

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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.

Published poets who live or work in Albany are eligible to apply.

What does the Poet Laureate do?

The Poet Laureate writes poems throughout the year and participates in community events, education, and readings. Each year as Albany Poet Laureate you will:

1. Publicly present to the City at least 4 new poems for public occasions (example: Arbor Day Memorial Day Services, July 4th, Dinner with Albany)
2. Hold at least one free public youth poetry event, which may include workshops during or after school, and youth poetry slams or readings.
3. Offer a public reading of your work and that of other poets at the library or other designated venue.
4. Participate in other activities that promote poetry throughout the community.

Length of Appointment: The appointment of Poet Laureate is for 1 year with an option for renewal, beginning in Fall 2013.

Payment: The position of the City of Albany Poet Laureate is entirely honorary. You receive no payment.

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 presented poems publicly for at least 5 years, preferably published poems in circulation magazines and/or books. Online publications, public performances and readings may also be considered.
- 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

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