



# OAKLAND YOUTH POET LAUREATE

## 2023 PRINT APPLICATION

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

**Apply online at: [oaklandlibrary.org/youthpoets](http://oaklandlibrary.org/youthpoets)**

If you are unable to apply online, you may mail in this form; see the address at the bottom of the page.

**To be eligible, an applicant must:**

- be an Oakland resident
  - be between the ages of 13 and 18 on February 6, 2023
  - be available to service as Laureate for the program year, June 2023 - June 2024
    - be living locally through the program year
    - not be enrolled in college full-time during the program year
- (Unfortunately, this means that many high school seniors are not eligible to apply.)

Poems will be judged on *Content, Craft, and Voice*. If you are entered into the final round, applications will be additionally judged on *Leadership and Performance*.

### PART A: Your Information (required)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI Month/Day/Year

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Apartment/Unit #  
Oakland CA  
City State ZIP Code

Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Program? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning to be in Oakland for the full Poet Laureate program year (June 2023-June 2024)?  Yes  No  
(Required to advance to final round)

**Artist Statement/Bio: Introduce yourself. Tell us who you are and what poetry means to you. This will be used as your bio if you advance to the final round. 250 words maximum. Use the back if needed.**



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### PART B: Awards and Service

1. List any awards or honors you have received (including anywhere your work has been published.)
2. List any community service or activism you have done.
3. List all previous participation with the Oakland Youth Poet Laureate program's events, bookings, etc.

### PART C: Your Writing (required)

Please attach printed copies of your **THREE** poems totaling no more than 10 pages.

### PART D: Name of Adult Sponsor (required)

Please provide the name of an Adult Sponsor who you can ask to write you a letter of recommendation IF you advance to the final round. Tips: Choose someone who knows your writing, school performance, or community involvement. Ask someone for this well in advance. Letters of recommendation will be due March 22, 2023.

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Phone Number or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PART E: Parent/Guardian Information

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Not required if you are 18 on February 6, 2023

Parent/Guardian Phone Number or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PART F: Signature (required)

By submitting this application, I agree that the poetry I submitted is my original work and I meet the Youth Poet Laureate eligibility requirements. I understand that if I advance to the final round, my writing may be published as part of the program, but I still retain the full rights to publish or perform my work anywhere else I choose.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## THANK YOU!

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For questions or to mail your complete application to if you have no means of applying online :