It’s a blessing to be part of a program where young voices are truly heard, where youth opinions matter, where we are encouraged to represent our city and build on our art in the process.

- NADIA ELBGAL, 2022 OAKLAND YOUTH POET LAUREATE

ALL FINALISTS ARE INVITED TO:

- perform before various Oakland audiences;
- represent your city;
- inspire other young poets;
- and receive creative support from peers and mentors.

ELIGIBILITY:

- age 13-18
- live in Oakland, CA

Applications are open Jan 6-Feb 6, 2023.

ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO JOIN THE OAKLAND YOUTH POET LAUREATE COMMUNITY

EACH FINALIST WILL RECEIVE A $500 PRIZE.

THE LAUREATE WILL ALSO RECEIVE A $5,000 SCHOLARSHIP.

Finalists will be selected by a panel of judges in February and all applicants will be told if they are Finalists in March.

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