

JOIN A COMMUNITY OF YOUNG OAKLAND POETS



Become an  
Oakland Youth  
Poet Laureate



your  
truth  
your  
**style**  
your  
**voice**

Apply by - February 5th  
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"Poetry is what keeps me kind and loving. It is my promise to others that I will lead this year with fulfillment and bravery, and it is my greatest pleasure to stand beside the Oakland Public Library to spread poetry and all its love to others."

- Nairobi Barnes  
2023 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate

## Eligibility

13-18 years old & live in Oakland, CA

All applicants will be invited to join the

Receive  
creative  
support

Inspire &  
represent

Oakland Youth Poet Laureate community!

### FINALISTS PRIZE

\$500  
each

### LAUREATE PRIZE

\$5,000  
scholarship

FINALISTS SELECTED IN FEBRUARY

APPLICANTS NOTIFIED IN MARCH

## Questions?

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