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"It is such a humbling experience to be appreciated for the very thing that allows me to speak. I am lucky enough to be supported by a creative and immensely talented community of poets that are my eternal inspiration and motivation. This program has given me and young poets all over Oakland the platform to share our voices and flourish. I am supremely honored to be this year's voice."

Ella Gordon

2024 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate

eligibility

13-18 years old & live in Oakland, CA



Inspire & represent

Receive creative support

All applicants will be invited to join the OYPL community!

FINALISTS PRIZE

\$500
each

LAUREATE PRIZE

\$5,000
SCHOLARSHIP

FINALISTS SELECTED IN FEBRUARY

APPLICANTS NOTIFIED IN MARCH

Questions?

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