

# Join a community of **Oakland poets**

**Become a Youth Poet Laureate**



**Apply by February 1**

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"The program means everything. It's provided me a spot where I can share my voice. It's provided me audiences that listen to me. It's provided me a community of writers and thinkers that care about the world and care about Oakland just like I do. I wouldn't be who I am today without the program. I now try to do for other people what the program has done for me - to give them their voice. I'm forever grateful for the opportunities it's given to me."

Cael Dueñas-Lara

2025 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**

**FINALISTS SELECTED IN FEBRUARY**

**LAUREATE PRIZE**

**\$5,000  
SCHOLARSHIP**

**APPLICANTS NOTIFIED IN MARCH**

Questions?

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