



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Rochester Poet Laureate serves as a herald for Rochester's poets and their work. The Poet Laureate is dedicated to building community through poetry and encouraging a love of poetry among people of all ages.

MISSION

The mission of the Poet Laureate is to promote the influence of poetry and enrich the lives of citizens by sharing and encouraging the gift of poetry.

EXPECTATIONS

- Contribute to the growth of poetry in Rochester by organizing and leading one project of the Poet Laureate's choosing.
- Attend area literary events, suggested four per year.
- Perform at government, civic and school events as requested, min. five per year.
- Provide communication on activities at least once yearly to the Rochester City Council.

REQUIREMENTS

- Admirable and proven level of skill in writing poetry.
- Promising aptitude to promote awareness and enjoyment of poetry in Rochester.
- Must be 18 or older.
- Must be a resident of Rochester.

RECOGNITION

- Funding for projects may include honoraria or grants as available.
- Press coverage related to performances and special projects.

TERM

The term of service is two years. The Poet Laureate will also join the committee in the search for a successor to the position at the end of the term.

APPLICATION PROCESS

A general call for applications is made. The application will be available on www.rochesternh.net and other arts organization web sites.

APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

- Completed application form, and a binding statement assuring that the poems are original and materials submitted are true.
- Work sample not to exceed 5 pages, one poem per page, without the poet's name.
- Resume or curriculum vitae not to exceed two pages.
- Audio or video recording of the applicant presenting his/her own poetry, not to exceed five minutes.
- Explanation of what he/she would do in the role of Poet Laureate, not to exceed 1 page.



WORK SAMPLES

Indicate title and year of the work samples. Work submitted will not be returned. Please attach samples on a separate sheet.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

APPLICATION:

- Name:
- Street:
- City, State, Zip Code:
- Phone:
- Alt. Phone:
- E-Mail:

Are you 18 or older?

- Yes
- No

Have you resided in the Rochester NH area for at least one year?

- Yes
- No

I certify that the representations made in this application are true and complete, and that the work sample submitted is my own work. The City of Rochester has my permission to use my work, or a portion thereof, for publicity or educational purposes.

Applicant's Signature and Date: _____