



OAKLAND YOUTH POET LAUREATE 2016 APPLICATION

Questions

Email oaklandpoets@youthspeaks.org

Or call the Oakland Public Library at 510.238.7613

Eligibility

- Only residents of Oakland, CA may apply.
- Applicants must be 13-18 years old by April 1st, 2016 (application deadline).
- Poems will be judged based on Content, Craft, and Voice. If you are entered into the final round, applications will be additionally judged on Leadership and Performance. Please see the full judging criteria posted online:
<http://youthspeaks.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/OYPL2016JudgingCriteria.pdf>

The Laureate will receive:

- A \$5,000 scholarship
- Leadership opportunities and mentoring

Apply Online or for more information: <http://youthspeaks.org/poetlaureate>

Mail-ins

Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Submission
Oakland Public Library
Teen Services Department
125 14th St.
Oakland, CA 94612

About The Program

Oakland Youth Poet Laureate: In partnership with the Oakland Public Library, this program is the first of its kind. The Oakland Youth Poet Laureate program is an unprecedented citywide effort to celebrate literacy through poetry and connect young writers to far-reaching opportunities. Each year we accept submissions from talented young writers (ages 13-18) to be considered for the city's top literary honor. The winning poet earns an educational scholarship and embarks on a year of opportunities as an ambassador for literacy, arts and youth expression. In addition to the annual poetry competition, the program includes year-round workshops, public performances, publishing, and mentoring for young writers. Calling on all Oakland based poets ages 13-18 to enter The 5th Annual Oakland Youth Poet Laureate competition! Become the next Oakland Youth Poet Laureate 2016. Show us your best work! Your truth. Your style. Your voice.

APPLICATION

Personal Information

First Name:	Last Name:
Birthdate:	Email:
Day Phone:	Night Phone:

Address Line 1:	Address Line 2:
City:	State:
Postal Code:	

Artist Information

Artist Statement / Bio (500 Word Max):

Plain text only - Some special characters, tabs, bullets, bold and formatting may not be supported. Introduce yourself. Tell us who you are and what poetry means to you. Note: This may be used as your bio if you become a finalist. Please write on the back if you need more space.

Awards & Service (500 Word Max):

List any awards or honors you have received (including anywhere your work has been published). List any community service or activism you have done. Please write on the back if you need more space.

School Type (Circle One): High School / Middle School	Name of School:
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To the best of your knowledge, will you be living in locally for the full Poet Laureate program year (July 2016 - July 2017)? (Circle One):

Yes / No

Sponsor & Guardian Contact Information

(Please provide the name of an Adult Sponsor who can write you a letter of recommendation IF you become a Finalist. We will notify you and your sponsor by Friday, May 6th. Tip: Choose someone who knows your writing, school performance or community involvement.)

Sponsor Name:	Sponsor Email:
Sponsor Phone:	
Guardian Name:	Guardian Email:
Guardian Phone:	

Your Writing (Required)

Attach 3 distinct poems of no more than ten total pages.

(For judging purposes, **DO NOT include your name on submitted poems.**)

By submitting this application, I agree that the poetry I submitted is my original work and I meet the Youth Poet Laureate eligibility requirements. I understand that, if I become a finalist, my writing may be published as part of the program, but I still retain the full rights to publish or perform my work anywhere else I choose.

Signature:	Date:
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