



Oakland Youth Poet Laureate 2017

APPLICATION FORM



PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE: <http://youthspeaks.org/poetlaureate>
If you have no means to apply online, you may mail in this form; see the address at the bottom of the page.

Applications must be received by Sunday, February 5, 2017

Questions?
Email oaklandpoets@youthspeaks.org
or call (510) 761-7636

Eligibility

- Only residents of Oakland, CA may apply
- Applicants must be 13-18 years old on February 5, 2017 (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*.

For more information, visit <http://youthspeaks.org/poetlaureate>

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Part A. Your Information (required)

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____
First Last MI Month/Day/Year

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

_____ City State ZIP Code

Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

School: _____

**Do you live in in Oakland? (required) YES NO

To the best of your knowledge, will you be living locally for the full Poet Laureate program year (June 2017 – June 2018)? (Required to advance to final round) YES NO

Would you like to be added to Youth Speaks' mailing list?..... YES NO

Artist Statement/Bio: Introduce yourself. Tell us who you are and what poetry means to you. (250 words maximum. Use the back if needed) Required. Note: This may be used as your bio if you advance to the final round.



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Part B. Awards and Service

List any awards or honors you have received (including anywhere your work has been published). List any community service or activism you have done.

Part C. Your Writing (required)

Please attach printed copies of your *three poems* totaling no more than 10 pages.

Part D. Name of Adult Sponsor (required)

Please provide the name of an Adult Sponsor who you can ask to write you a letter of recommendation IF you advance to the final round. Tip: Choose someone who knows your writing, school performance or community involvement.

Sponsor Name: _____

Phone Number or Email Address: _____

Signature & Guardian Information

Name of Parent/Guardian
(Not required if you are 18 on February 5, 2017) _____

Phone Number or Email for Parent/Guardian: _____

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 advance to the final round, 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: _____

THANK YOU!

MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:

Oakland Public Library, Youth Poet Laureate Submission, Teen Services, 125 14th Street, Oakland, CA 94612