



## CITY OF STOCKTON

### Poet Laureate Application

#### **Statement of Purpose**

Under the guidance and direction of the Stockton Arts Commission, Stockton's Poet Laureate is responsible for commemorating specific civic events through composing and reading poetry and increasing the public's awareness of the benefits and importance of poetry and the literary arts.

#### **Term:**

The term of service is two years, beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, with the option, by mutual acceptance, to extend one additional two-year term. The maximum appointment is two, two-year terms.

#### **Yearly Stipend**

An annual stipend of \$2,000 per year is provided.

#### **Responsibilities**

- Provide a minimum of six performances per year, as approved by the Stockton Arts Commission and City of Stockton Community Services Director or his/her designee, at specific events such as swearing-in ceremonies, City-sponsored special events and other occasions where the community comes together to commemorate significant milestones.
- Place an emphasis in bringing poetry and the literary arts to the youth of the community by serving as a liaison between the Stockton Arts Commission and local schools, libraries and literary organizations.
- Serve as a public advocate for the appreciation and advancement of poetry and the literary arts.

#### **Qualifications**

- Applicant must:
  - reside within the city limits of the City of Stockton and remain a resident of the City for the entire length of appointment;
  - be 18 years or older;
  - be able to fulfill the full term and responsibilities of the position and be willing to assist in the process of recruiting and training the next Poet Laureate; and
  - demonstrate a commitment to and passion for poetry and embrace the opportunity to engage in community service to make poetry more accessible and available to all ages.



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### **Process**

- The Stockton Arts Commission will solicit applications for Poet Laureate position.
- Applicants will complete an application packet which will include:
  - completed application,
  - cover letter,
  - resume,
  - complete listing of published work, and
  - (3) samples of work, including poetry and literary compositions or (3) links to online presentations of original poetry or literary compositions.
- The Stockton Arts Commission will schedule interviews with qualified applicants.
- Qualified applicants invited to interview must be prepared to perform two additional poem presentations.
- Successful applicants must pass a background check as a requirement for the position.
- The Stockton Arts Commission will recommend the finalist to the City Council for approval.
- The Poet Laureate may be removed from appointment by the City Council for any reason.

### **To apply please submit:**

- The completed, signed application.
- A one-page cover letter that includes contact information for the applicant. The cover letter should include an explanation of what the applicant would hope to accomplish during the term as Poet Laureate.
- The applicant's resume or curriculum vitae which is not exceed two (2) pages.
- Three (3) work samples that, collectively, do not exceed six (6) pages or three (3) links to online presentations of original poetry or literary compositions.
- Applications are due no later than 4 p.m. on January 31, 2019, and can be sent via email to [James.Quiaoit@stocktonca.gov](mailto:James.Quiaoit@stocktonca.gov) or mailed to:

Stockton Arts Commission

c/o City of Stockton Community Services Department

605 N. Eldorado Street

Stockton, CA 95202

For questions concerning the Poet Laureate Recruitment, please contact James Quiaoit at [James.Quiaoit@stocktonca.gov](mailto:James.Quiaoit@stocktonca.gov) or at 209-937-5501.



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Submit application, a cover letter that does not exceed two (2) pages, a complete list of literary works, a current resume that is no more than two (2) pages, and include samples of work that includes three (3) original poems (published or unpublished), or three (3) links to presentations of original poetry or literary compositions, to Stockton Arts Commission, c/o City of Stockton Community Services Department, 605 N. El Dorado Street, Stockton, CA 95202.

A complete application package must be received in the office – by 4:00 p.m., January 31, 2019.

Last Name (please print) First Middle

Home Address City State/Zip

Daytime phone Evening Phone

Cell Phone Email

Please circle one for each of the following:

Y N I am an active poet and have been published or been publicly recognized for my contributions to poetry.

Y N I am the sole creator of the attached poems.

Y N I am comfortable speaking in public. If speech impaired, I may delegate reading tasks to an approved speaker.

I certify that I meet and agree with all eligibility requirements in this application and the information provided is true and correct.

Print Your Name

Applicant's Signature