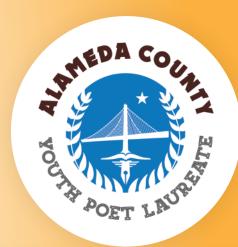
### ALAMEDA COUNTY IS LOOKING FOR ITS

# FIRSTIYOUTH POET LAUREATE!

Raise Your Voice! For Teens: 13-18



Are you a teen who wants to speak your truth, make friends, and have fun? We're looking for poets and spoken word artists from all over the county to SHOW UP and AMPLIFY YOUTH VOICES.



For questions about the Youth Poet Laureate program, email: ypl@aclibrary.org





## FAQS ALAMEDA COUNTY YOUTH POET LAUREATE

#### TO BE ELIGIBLE YOU MUST:

- Be an Alameda County resident, but not live in Oakland. (For residents of Oakland, visit the Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Chapter).
- Be between the ages of 13-18.
- Be available to serve as Alameda County Youth Poet Laureate for the program year August 2021-August 2022.
- Live locally throughout the program year.
- Not be enrolled in college full-time during the program year.

#### **WINNER OF COMPETITION RECEIVES:**

- A grant of \$500 to do some good at a community organization of their choice.
- A Macbook and computer accessories.
- Poetry featured in a chapbook and copies of the chapbook.
- Community project support from the Alameda County Library and the REACH Ashland Youth Center.
- Help cultivating their public speaking rhetoric style.
- Opportunity to compete in the Regional Youth Poet Laureate Competition.

#### **YOUTH POET LAUREATE DUTIES:**

- Inspire civic engagement, social justice, cultural awareness, and literary excellence.
- Develop a community project to grow your writing craft and inspire our communities.
- Perform and attend public and private events, at least four.
- Share your experiences, writing process, and values on online platforms.
- Write one "clean" poem for the library website. Submit three poems for the national anthology by Urban Word.

#### **APPLICATIONS OPEN ON APRIL 1. THEY MUST INCLUDE:**

- Three original poems showing your content, craft, and voice (10 pages or less).
- Artist statement that tells us who you are and what poetry means to you (250 words or less).
- Resume with a list of awards, community service, work experience, or activism.
- Contact info of an adult sponsor who knows your writing, school performance, or community involvement.
- Parent/guardian contact info unless you're 18 by May 1, 2021.

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT:
aclibrary.org/youth-poet