

ALAMEDA COUNTY IS LOOKING FOR ITS **FIRST YOUTH POET LAUREATE!**

Raise Your Voice!

For Teens: 13-18



WILL IT BE YOU?
Applications Open April 1



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

