

ALAMEDA COUNTY IS LOOKING FOR ITS
**NEXT 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 SOME FUN?**

We're looking for poets and spoken
word artists from all over the county to
SHOW UP and SPIT SOME FIRE.

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, except if you reside in Oakland (for residents of Oakland, contact 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 2022-August 2023
- Live locally throughout the program year

WINNER OF COMPETITION RECEIVES:

- A Macbook and computer accessories
- Community project support from the Alameda County Library
- Assistance with cultivating public speaking rhetoric style
- Opportunity to compete in the regional, state, and national Youth Poet Laureate and other poetry competitions

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 at and attend public events
- Share your experiences, writing process, and values on online platforms
- Write one 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)
- Biography with a list of your awards, community service, work experience, or activism
- Contact info of an adult sponsor who is familiar with your writing, school performance, or community involvement
- Parent/guardian contact info unless you're 18 by May 1, 2022

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