



### **Nomination & Selection Process**

The Ventura County Arts Council is seeking applications for the position of Ventura County Youth Poet Laureate. The person selected will strive to advance awareness of and appreciation for literary arts and humanities within Ventura County. As both a resident and emerging poet, the Youth Poet Laureate shall represent and celebrate the diversity and vision of the youth in Ventura County. As a representative of the county's literary community, the Youth Poet Laureate shall endeavor to promote a wide range of literary arts within the county and shall actively participate in ceremonial, educational and cultural activities throughout the county at various times in his or her term of service.

### **Term of Service**

The Youth Poet Laureate of Ventura County is an honorary position. The individual appointed will serve a one-year term, commencing in September 2018. Nearing the end of the Youth Poet Laureate's term and prior to initiating the next nomination process, the Ventura County Arts Council may extend an invitation to the sitting Youth Poet Laureate to serve a second consecutive term. The Youth Poet Laureate will have thirty days to respond. If he or she elects not to accept the Arts Council's invitation, the Poet Laureate must wait an intervening term (2 years) prior to being re-nominated.

### **Honorarium**

The Poet Laureate will receive an honorarium of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per term and a book deal with (Spit Shine Publishing/Penmanship Books).

### **Term Expectations**

As a condition of appointment, the Youth Poet Laureate will participate in a minimum of four annual public functions throughout the one-year term of service. Additionally, the Poet Laureate shall aim to be actively involved with local colleges and high schools, and shall endeavor to create or facilitate workshops and readings that will bring the Youth Poet Laureate into contact with students of all ages, and the public in a variety of contexts. To the extent possible, the Youth Poet Laureate also will establish programs to coincide with his or her term of service to promote community awareness of the literary arts, and to encourage community members to develop their own creative interests.

### **Who May Be Nominated**

Eligible nominees must meet the following requirements:

- Be a current resident of the county of Ventura
- Be available to travel throughout Ventura County
- Be a recognized poet who meets the preponderance of the selection criteria listed below

### **Selection Criteria**

- Must be between the ages of 13 and 19
- An established presence and history of involvement in the Ventura County literary arts community, volunteer and community service, and clubs, sports, afterschool activities and extra academic activities
- Recognition as demonstrated by press coverage, special honors, or awards

### **Who May Nominate or Apply**

Ventura County Youth Poet Laureate nominations or applications may come from any organization or individual.

### **The Review and Selection Process**

The Youth Poetry Laureate Committee shall review the nomination, application materials and candidate poets, and recommend one or more for consideration by the Ventura County Arts Council, who will make the final appointment of the Youth Poet Laureate. The Committee may seek additional information or clarification from nominees or applicants and the respective poet's materials have been submitted, and may conduct interviews of some or all candidates before making its recommendations to the Arts Council. Please send resume/CV with up to 5 poems attached and/or YouTube links to readings and performances of your original work.

### **The Youth Poet Laureate Committee**

The Youth Poet Laureate Committee is established by the VCAC to broadly represent the Ventura County literary community. Former Youth Poet Laureates shall be invited to serve on the Youth Poet Laureate Committee whenever feasible. A member of the Board of the Ventura County Arts Council will serve as part of the committee. The Youth Poet Laureate Committee shall endeavor to serve as a support group to help facilitate projects the Youth Poet Laureate may want to pursue.

### **Application Deadline**

Application materials may be found on the Ventura County Arts Council's website and sources below. Completed applications should be sent to the Youth Poet Laureate Committee at the Ventura County Arts Council's office, website, or email address. Mailed nominations must be postmarked on or before the stated deadline: June 30. Materials submitted will not be returned.

Office location and mailing address:

Ventura County Arts Council  
646 County Square Drive Ste., 154  
Ventura, CA 93003  
[doorway2themind@yahoo.com](mailto:doorway2themind@yahoo.com)

# Ventura County Youth Poet Laureate Application



**This resume template is offered to assist you in the application process. Applicants must reside in Ventura County and be between the ages of 14 and 18. Please email this form (or your own Resume/CV) as an attachment with up to 5 poems and/or YouTube links to readings and performances of your original work. One submitted poem should speak to Human Relations, Diversity, or Social Justice. This resume is an opportunity to crow over yourself and your accomplishments.**

## Contact Information

Name		Age/Birthdate:	
Email address			
Home address			
Phone		Name of school you attend:	

## Awards/Achievements

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## Volunteer/Community Service

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## Clubs/Sports/Afterschool Activities/Extra Academic Activities

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**Please submit all materials by June 30, 2018.  
Submission materials can be emailed to  
[doorway2themind@yahoo.com](mailto:doorway2themind@yahoo.com), or mailed to:  
Ventura County Arts Council  
646 County Square Drive, suite 154  
Ventura, CA 93003-0436**