



VALLEJO POET LAUREATE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Poet Laureate is dedicated to building community through poetry and encouraging a love of poetry among people of all ages.

The Poet Laureate is appointed by the Vallejo Center for the Arts and is recognized by the City of Vallejo.

MISSION

The mission of the Poet Laureate is to promote the influence of poetry and enrich the lives of citizens by sharing and encouraging the gift of poetry.

EXPECTATIONS

- Contribute to the growth of poetry in Vallejo by organizing and leading poetry activities, events and readings of the Poet Laureate's choosing. At least one such event must be in partnership with Alibi Bookshop, Karen Finlay proprietor.
- Partner with Vallejo's JFK Library for 1) at least one poetry reading event, and 2) the monthly Poetry in Motion (a poetry circle where people read poems to each other). Both shall be organized and coordinated jointly by the Poet Laureate and library staff.
- Attend area literary events.
- Perform at government, civic and school events as requested.

REQUIREMENTS

- Admirable and proven level of skill in writing poetry.
- Promising aptitude to engage Vallojoans of all ages and in all our diversity in the awareness and enjoyment of poetry.
- Must be 21 or older.
- Must be a resident of Vallejo

TERM

The term of service is two years, from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025. The Poet Laureate will also join the committee in the search for a successor to the position at the end of the term. No remuneration is offered for the Poet Laureate position.

APPLICATION PROCESS

A general call for applications is made. The application will be available at www.vallejoarts.org and paper copies will be available at JFK Library and Alibi Bookshop.

APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

- Completed application form, including the binding statement assuring that the poems are original and materials submitted are true
- Work sample not to exceed 5 pages, one poem per page.
- Resume or curriculum vitae, not to exceed two pages, including applicant's experience with poetry and poetry events.
- Audio or video recording of the applicant presenting their original poetry, not to exceed five minutes.
- Explanation of what applicant would do in the role of Poet Laureate, not to exceed 1 page.

All materials should be emailed to: renayconlin@vallejoarts.org Deadline: 12/31/2025

For questions, contact: Jeff Kingman jkingman@mindspring.com

APPLICATION:

- Name:

- Preferred pronouns:

- Street:

- City, State, Zip Code:

- Phone:

- E-Mail:

Are you 21 or older? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you resided in the Vallejo area for at least one year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I certify that the representations made in this application are true and complete, and that the work sample submitted is my own work. I grant permission to use my work, or a portion thereof, for publicity or educational purposes.

Applicant's Signature and Date: _____