



Greensboro Poet Laureate Program

The purpose of the Greensboro Poet Laureate program is to use the art of poetry to inspire the next generation of thought leaders and creatives, and to heighten the awareness of the power of creative writing and the spoken word throughout the city. This position is appointed through City Council. This position is flexible in allowing the Poet Laureate to shape the position around their unique talents and skillsets however each person is required to fulfill the following duties.

- Amplify the art of poetry, creative writing, and the spoken word to all Greensboro residents.
- Commit to promoting poetry that is inclusive and representative of multiple cultures and diverse perspectives.
- Commit to creating a cultural project that provides programming or experiences for Greensboro residents who had less exposure to literary arts, poetry, or creative writing opportunities.
- Attend/perform works at selected ceremonial/civic engagements as appropriate.
- Produce five (3) public readings and or workshops per year.
- Create/ participate in a poetry advocacy event during national poetry month.
- Provide a mentorship/ community service component to your overall programming
- Have the ability to fulfill their two (2) year term.

Terms

The Poet Laureate will serve a two - year term based on the fiscal calendar. They may serve an additional consecutive term at the recommendation of City Council. However, they may not serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms. Once term is finished, they are eligible for reappointment after a six (6) year waiting period.

Compensation

In this pilot phase the Poet Laureate will receive up to \$3,500 a year, in artist support, to produce free and engaging culturally expansive programming throughout the city. This budget is subject to availability. In addition, the Poet Laureate will receive in-kind support from the city in the form of marketing and social media, the use of performance or classroom space in the Greensboro Cultural Center.

Additional Requests

The City of Greensboro is committed to coordinating public speaking and engagement requests on the Poet Laureate's behalf.

While the City provides financial support to help them produce their work, the Poet Laureate is a working, independent artist who needs to be supported. The goal is to maximize exposure and opportunity for the Poet Laureate throughout the city and beyond. To meet this goal we are encouraging those who are making requests to alleviate some of the costs associated with performance and travel by providing additional support in the form of a stipend, free space usage, food, travel expenses or other in-kind support. The City of Greensboro may consider



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reimbursements on a case by case basis to smaller entities/organizations requesting the Poet Laureate for a special event.

Application Timeline

Applications Open: October 27th 2025

Applications Close: November 30th 2025

Applicants Notified: December 2025

Announcements: January 2026

[APPLY HERE](#)

Poet Laureate Selection Process

Submissions for the Greensboro Poet Laureate will be solicited by an open call to the community. A selection committee, including Creative Greensboro, Greensboro Public Library staff and the Cultural Affairs Commission members, will review all applications and make a recommendation to City Council for final decision and appointment.

1. Applicants must submit a **complete** application to Creative Greensboro.
2. Applications must include:
 - a. A complete application form.
 - b. Resume, demonstrating a significant and meaningful tie to Greensboro for at least five years (limit 2 pages);
 - c. Bibliography of published work (limit 2 pages); digital publications are acceptable;
 - d. A personal statement (not to exceed 500 words) outlining programs goals and partnerships you want to pursue during your appointment;
 - e. Two professional references (not to exceed 500 words); and
 - f. Selections from your published work (limit 5 pages).

For inquires please email Jocquelyn.boone@greensboro-nc.gov