



## Sonoma County Youth Poet Laureate 2021-22 APPLICATION FORM

<https://www.californiapoets.org/youth-poet-laureate-program>

Applications must be received by September 15th, 2021  
Questions? Email Meg Hamill: [Meg@cpits.org](mailto:Meg@cpits.org)

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR SIGNED, SCANNED APPLICATION VIA EMAIL: [californiapoets@gmail.com](mailto:californiapoets@gmail.com)  
If you would like us to mail you a paper copy of this form, please contact us at: [Meg@cpits.org](mailto:Meg@cpits.org)  
If you have no means to apply via email, MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:  
California Poets in the Schools | PO Box 1328, Santa Rosa, CA 95402 | 415-221-4201

### Eligibility:

Applicants must

- be a Sonoma county resident
- be between the ages of 13 and 19 as of September 15th, 2021
- be available to serve as Laureate for the program year, September 2021 – August 2022:
- be living locally through the program year
- not be enrolled in college full-time during the program year

Poems will be judged based on Content, Craft, and Voice. If you are entered into the final round, applications will be additionally judged on Leadership and Performance.

### Application:

Name (last, first, middle initial): \_\_\_\_\_

Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate(month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_



- How did you hear about the Sonoma County Youth Poet Laureate program?

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- Artist Statement/Bio: Introduce yourself. Tell us who you are and what poetry means to you. (250 words maximum. Use the back if needed) Required. Note: This may be used as your bio if you advance to the final round.

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- List any awards or honors you have received (including anywhere your work has been published). List any community service or activism you have done.

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- Please attach printed copies of three of your original poems, totaling no more than 10 pages.
- Please provide the name of an Adult Sponsor who you can ask to write you a letter of recommendation IF you advance to the final round. Tip: Choose someone who knows your writing, school performance or community involvement.

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number or Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian (not required if you will be 18 as of September 15, 2021):

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Phone Number or Email for Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_



By submitting this application, I agree that the poetry I submitted is my original work and I meet the Youth Poet Laureate eligibility requirements. I understand that if I advance to the final round, my writing may be published as part of the program, but I still retain the full rights to publish or perform my work anywhere else I choose.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Don't forget to attach three, original poems to this application when submitting. THANK YOU!*

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If you have no means to apply online, you may mail-in this form;  
see the address at the bottom of the page.

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