



# **CALLING ALL POETS, SPOKEN WORD ARTISTS, EMCEES & WRITERS**

## **REPRESENT SEATTLE AS THE 2022 SEATTLE YOUTH POET LAUREATE**

**AND FOR ONE STUDENT:  
WIN A BOOK DEAL  
TO PUBLISH YOUR FIRST BOOK,  
PERFORM & TOUR THE CITY**

The Seattle Youth Poet Laureate Program aims to identify a cohort of young writers and leaders who are committed to poetry and performance, civic and community engagement, education and equity across the Puget Sound Region. Within the cohort, one student is selected for the title of Seattle Youth Poet Laureate which comes with a book deal in the 2022-23 academic year.

All applicants selected for the cohort will have their work featured in a digital showcase of poetry via the Seattle Youth Poet Laureate Online Release with Seattle Arts & Lectures, in collaboration with the 2023 Folklife Festival in May over Memorial Day Weekend.



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**The Seattle Youth Poet Laureate program** is part of Seattle Arts & Lectures (SAL) with support from Urban Word NYC, Northwest Folklife Festival, the Academy of American Poets, Poetry Society of America, Cave Canem and Poetry NW Editions.

### **The Seattle Youth Poet Laureate Cohort Program Offers:**

- A year-long writing cohort led by two distinguished mentors
- Workshops on the generation, refining, and publication of work
- Seasonal readings and opportunities for performances throughout the city
- Free access to all Seattle Arts & Lectures events (<https://lectures.org/>) with visiting writers throughout SAL's 2022-23 season, and the chance to read on SAL stages as opening reader for visiting writers

From March 25th through April 25th, 2022, SAL will accept submissions from young poets, rappers, leaders and activists ages 14-19 from across the Puget Sound Region who are interested in representing the City of Seattle as a member of the 2022 Seattle Youth Poet Laureate Cohort. A group of esteemed community judges including past Youth Poet Laureates, will choose a group of up to ten cohort members, and will select one poet to be honored with the title of the 2022 Seattle Youth Poet Laureate role, an honor that comes with a book deal with Poetry NW Editions, and one or more poets for additional leadership roles in the group.

**Note:** *All applicants are welcome to opt-in to be considered for the leadership positions, but that is not necessary for applicants interested in cohort participation.*

## 2022 Seattle Youth Poet Laureate Position

Along with the prestigious title of Seattle Youth Poet Laureate, the selected poet will also get a book deal from local publisher, Poetry NW Editions, to publish their first collection of poems in May of 2023. The Seattle Youth Poet Laureate will have numerous opportunities and platforms to share their powerful voice, their leadership, a love for the city at events throughout the region over the course of the following year. This person is expected to be an active, supportive member of the cohort program, supporting and encouraging fellow writers in the group.

### **How to Apply: 2022 Seattle Submission Guidelines**

1. Applicants must be current residents of the Seattle region, and between the ages of 14-19 years old (applicants living outside the technical Seattle city borders are welcome to apply, knowing many events during the year will take place in Seattle should public health guidelines allow for it).
2. Starting Friday, March 25th, please submit **five (5) original poems** (links to videos of readings, raps, and performances are welcome as well!). Please include at least **one (1) video recording**, no more than three minutes in length, of you reading a piece of your original work.
3. Include a **RESUME** that has your name, address, phone number and email, AS WELL AS a detailed list of all of your accomplishments, community service, after school programs, volunteer experiences and awards. (See template, if helpful, on next page)
4. Your entire application is due by **Monday, April 25th**. Each applicant will be considered for the Seattle Youth Poet Laureate Cohort, and can opt-in to be considered for the title of the 2022 Seattle Youth Poet Laureate. The 2022 Seattle Youth Poet Laureate will win a book deal with a local publisher, work closely with published local writer mentor team to assemble and edit their work, and make special appearances and readings through Seattle for one year (May 2022-May 2023).



Please submit all materials by April 25th, 2022 Submission materials can be  
EMAILED: [seattleypl@gmail.com](mailto:seattleypl@gmail.com) or  
MAILED to: Seattle Arts & Lectures  
340 15th Ave E, Suite 301,  
Seattle, WA 98112

## APPLICATION

Note: This resume template is to help you in the process; however, if you want to use your own, please do so! Send all application materials (YouTube/video links welcome in addition to the typed poems as well) to **SEATTLEYPL@GMAIL.COM**. This resume is an opportunity to share everything you have done, so put it all in there! Feel free to brag about yourself and your accomplishments!

Please write CLEARLY or Type All Information

**NOTE:** If you would prefer to fill this portion out as a Google form, Go to our website, for a link to a digital version: <https://lectures.org/youth-programs/youth-poet-laureate/>

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

I AM APPLYING FOR: (check one)

YPL Cohort only: \_\_\_\_\_

Please consider me for the Youth Poet Laureate and/or other leadership positions within the Cohort: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

IF APPLICANT IS UNDER 18, PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE:

CLUBS/SPORTS/AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

PLEASE EMAIL this form (or use your own Resume/CV) as an ATTACHMENT (with a title that includes your name) +5 typed poems (One of which is read in video form) to [seattleypl@gmail.com](mailto:seattleypl@gmail.com) by **Monday, April 25th, 2022.**

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