



Application for position of Student Poet Laureate

SKAGIT RIVER POETRY FOUNDATION

To support lifelong literacy and cultural diversity through the writing, reading, performing, and teaching of poetry in Northwest Washington schools and global communities. 1998-Today

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As Poet Laureate of (School or Tribe) _____, you will serve, represent, and speak for the community, embracing cultural diversity through poetic voice and outreach. The term of service is through the first weekend of October 2024, at the completion of the Skagit River Poetry Festival.

As part of your service, you will be expected to:

- Help with and be involved in envisioning, planning, and coordinating a minimum of two public events/year that celebrate this time & this place.
- Be open to requests/mentoring of local poetry events
- Work closely with Skagit River Poetry Foundation, both for support and approval of all public appearances as poet laureate

What's in it for you, to participate?

If selected as Student Poet Laureate, you will reap the following benefits:

- Earn a powerful addition to your resume and/or college applications
- Qualify for community service credits as may be required by your school to graduate
- Have the opportunity to share your poems, and develop your writing and presentation skills with poet mentor
- Receive guidance and feedback for public presentations

- Engage and inspire others
- Speak to a wider community
- Receive a letter of recommendation from Skagit River Poetry Foundation for college application and future employment

Please complete the following: (You may attach this with your application if you need more room)

1. State your name, age, school, and email address or other contact information
2. State, in 200 words or less, why you would like to be considered for the position of poet laureate.

3. Please submit three original poems and also one poem of a poet you admire.
4. Suggest three ideas for public events you envision and would like to help coordinate which highlight poetry outreach. Describe how you believe the events impact or serve the community.
5. State what you understand “community” to mean. Describe how you believe you could serve your community through your role as poet laureate.

6. Describe how poetry has impacted your life.
7. Provide three references: names, email or phone numbers, and their relationship to you.

Please submit this application along with your poems to:

Skagit River Poetry Foundation

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OR

18388 S Westview RD

Mount Vernon, WA 98274

OR Hand deliver to:

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Application deadline is: October 15, 2023

You will be notified of the poet laureate selection within two weeks from the deadline.

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