



City of Livermore

POET LAUREATE

The City of Livermore and the Commission for the Arts are seeking a local poet to serve as the City of Livermore's Poet Laureate. The person selected will serve as a public advocate for the appreciation and advancement of the arts, particularly poetry. The person selected for this position will not receive compensation, as this is a voluntary position.

The Poet Laureate will be called upon to write themed-based poetry, and read poetry at civic events such as public ceremonies and dedications. The Poet Laureate will serve as a resource and liaison between the City's Cultural Arts Program, local schools, and literary organizations.

Following are the requirements for the Poet Laureate:

- Be a Livermore resident
- Be the author of published poetry deemed appropriate by the selection committee
- Be affiliated with the poetry culture
- Promote and advocate the City of Livermore as a venue for poetry
- Be an advocate for the inclusion of poetry in public and civic events
- Inspire and foster an awareness and appreciation of the role of poetry in the community through poetry readings, writing educational programs, and other outreach events, activities, and programs
- Interface with various literary organizations
- Collaborate with elected officials and city staff
- Serve a two-year term with no compensation
- Work with the previous Poet Laureate during a 6 – 12 month transition period
- Orient and train the next Poet Laureate.

Interested applicants must send:

- A two-page letter of interest
- Five original poems, two of which have been published
- Your resumé indicating active participation in promoting the literary arts in the community
- An outline of your vision, goals, projects, and activities for the Poet Laureate Program during your tenure (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015).

Send your application to: City of Livermore
City Clerk's Office
1052 S. Livermore Avenue
Livermore, CA 94550

If you have questions please contact the City Clerk's office at (925) 960-4200 or by e-mail at cityclerk@cityoflivermore.net.

Applications must be received in the City Clerk's Office by Friday, May 10, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Selection interviews will be scheduled immediately following the submittal deadline.