



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The City of St. Augustine Poet Laureate serves as a herald for poets and their work. The Poet Laureate is dedicated to building a literary community through poetry and encouraging a love of poetry among people of all ages.

## MISSION

The mission of the Poet Laureate is to promote the influence of poetry and enrich the lives of citizens by sharing and encouraging the gift of poetry.

## EXPECTATIONS

- Represent the City of St. Augustine and the art of poetry through outreach related to poetry
- Participate in at least three selected City-sponsored events, dedications, or memorials per year by selecting and presenting original or appropriate works
- Act as a resource for the City of St. Augustine's poetry and literary activities
- Lead and participate in National Poetry Month events and activities
- Contribute to the creation of a poetic identity for the City of St. Augustine

## REQUIREMENTS

- The Poet Laureate will be available to serve a two-year term
- The individual will be 18 years or older, a current City of St. Augustine resident, or have connections to the City through, family or community involvement
- The individual has demonstrated a commitment to and passion for poetry
- The individual must be comfortable with public recitation
- Poet Laureates may serve more than one term at the discretion of the City of St. Augustine City Commission

## RECOGNITION

- The City Commission may provide for small cultural or community grants available to reimburse out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Poet Laureate
- Press coverage related to performances and special projects

## TERM

The term of service is two years.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

A general call for applications is made. The application will be available on [www.citystaug.com](http://www.citystaug.com) and in the City Clerk's Office.

## APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

1. Resume.
2. List of publications, if any.
3. Samples of their poetry.
4. Letters of support or recommendation, if any.
5. Statement of interest and connection to St. Augustine



#### APPLICATION:

- Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Street: \_\_\_\_\_
- City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you 18 or older?

Yes  
 No

#### WORK SAMPLES

Include a Submission List and copies of 5 to 10 poems that represent your best artistic achievements (Not to exceed 20 pages).

Submit no more than 1 poem per page. All pages must include the title of poem, your name and page number if appropriate, on each page. Include citation if work has been published (including self-published). All work samples must be typewritten, or computer generated. Handwritten submissions will not be accepted. Please provide copyright information where appropriate.

The City of St. Augustine will take general care in the handling of all submitted materials but is not responsible for damage or loss. Submitted material will not be returned.

**SPOKEN WORD:** Performance Spoken Word poets should also include link(s) to online work.

I certify that the representations made in this application are true and complete, and that the work sample submitted is my own work. The City of St. Augustine has my permission to use my work, or a portion thereof, for publicity or educational purposes.

Applicant's Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***The City of St. Augustine reserves the right to revoke the tenure of the Poet Laureate if he/she fails to fulfill his/her duties.***