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Nevada County Poet Laureate Program

Nevada County is seeking a local poet to serve as its Poet Laureate. The person selected will serve as a public advocate for the appreciation and advancement of the literary arts, particularly poetry in Nevada County. The Poet Laureate is an honorary position and voluntary. They will receive the title of Poet Laureate and will be presented with a certificate recognizing them in their official capacity as Poet Laureate at a Board of Supervisors meeting and at the Annual Sierra Poetry Festival. The term will run from XXX to XXX.

The Poet Laureate will be called upon to create and read poetry at civic events such as public ceremonies and dedications. He or she will serve as a resource and liaison between the Nevada County Arts Council and local literary organizations. He or she will act as a resource on the topic of poetry should the Literary Arts Committee need that expertise. He or she may also have the opportunity to conduct poetry workshops or staged readings.

Each candidate for the position of Poet Laureate must:

- Publishing poetry in literary journals during their term
- Creating and reading poetry for community events and in coordination with Nevada County's Community Library when applicable
- Posting poetry to the Nevada County's designated Partner to the California Arts Council website
- Promoting the love of poetry with people of all ages
- Assisting in the orientation and training of the next Nevada County Poet Laureate
- Assisting with developing the role of the county's Poet Laureate during the program's first year, and – to this end – consulting on the creation of Poet Laureate Operating Manual / Handbook, for use by future generations
- Representing the County at gatherings of other Poet Laureates for the purpose of promoting and advancing poetry, literacy, arts and culture
- Be willing to orient and train the next Poet Laureate

Affiliation with literary organizations is preferred but not necessary. Interested applicants must send:

- The attached application
- Four original poems
- A resume including a list of published poetry
- A Statement of what you would like to accomplish if you are selected as Nevada County's Poet Laureate.

Send your application packet to: Executive Director, Nevada County Arts Council, 128 E Main Street, Grass Valley CA 95945.

Questions please contact Eliza Tudor at (530) 718 0727 or eliza@nevadacountyarts.org. Applications must be received by XXXX. Applications will be screened to make sure that they meet the basic criteria. Interviews will be scheduled on XXXX between 5pm – 7pm for all qualified candidates. The selection and announcement of the Nevada County Poet Laureate is administered by Nevada County Arts Council in collaboration with Nevada County Board of Supervisors. Nevada County Arts Council through Nevada County Literary Arts Committee solicits nominations and organizes a selection panel for appointment to the post.

Nevada County Poet Laureate Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

Email _____

Have you ever given a reading of your poetry in public? _____

Have you ever served on a City Board, Commission or in a role such as Poet Laureate in another City or County? If so please explain.

What inspired you to start writing poetry?

Why do you want to be the Poet Laureate for Nevada County?

Send your application along with four original poems, a resume including a list of published poetry, and a Statement of what you would like to accomplish if you are selected as Nevada County's Poet Laureate by June 18, 2016 to: Executive Director, Nevada County Arts Council, 128 E Main Street, Grass Valley CA 95945.