

Cupertino Poet Laureate

Apply to become Cupertino's Poet Laureate!

Celebrate Creativity

The City of Cupertino values the creativity that a Poet Laureate can bring to a community.

Our Vision: The Cupertino Poet Laureate program will stimulate cultural and literary awareness in Cupertino; introduce youth and adults to the personal and community benefits of poetry both as personal reflection and as a reflection of our history and culture; reveal, recognize, and engage literary talent residing in our community; and promote our library as a cultural center in Cupertino.

Our Mission: To provide the residents of Cupertino with programs, workshops, and events which introduce and reinforce poetry as an enriching cultural artform open and accessible to all.

Objectives:

- 1) Raise awareness of poetry as a viable cultural art form for Cupertino residents, as measured by media presence, event variety, and increasing participation.
- 2) Build interest in the various poetry forms, as measured by event and workshop participation.
- 3) Build a desire for residents to be involved in further art and cultural activities.
- 4) Increase active participation in all art forms, especially poetry, by all ages and ethnic communities who form the rich fabric of Cupertino as measured by offerings and involvement.

About the Position: The Cupertino Poet Laureate is an honorary, volunteer position sponsored by the City of Cupertino and seated in the Cupertino Library. Sponsors and support network include the Cupertino Library Commission, Friends of the Cupertino Library, and the Cupertino Library Foundation.

The Poet Laureate is a practicing poet with professional recognition and a talent for performance. The Poet Laureate is expected to host public events that promote the literary arts in our community and inspire creativity in all residents. Such events might include poetry contests, writing workshops, lectures, and public readings.

Each Poet Laureate brings a unique set of skills, attributes and interests to the position along with varied and unique approaches to poetry. It is preferred that the Cupertino Poet Laureate (CPL) come to the position with a willingness and experience in:

- Planning
- Budgeting/Fiscal Management
- Scheduling
- Writing
- Marketing
- Teaching/Facilitating
- Speaking
- Social Media

Submit applications online at cupertino.org/poetlaureate or in person, with the required attachments, to the Cupertino Laureate Selection Committee at 10185 N. Stelling Rd, Cupertino, CA 95014.

Applications will be accepted until October 31, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please email poetlaureate@cupertino.org.



City of Cupertino Poet Laureate Application 2022

Submit application, with three-to-five original poems (published or unpublished), a current resume, and two letters of recommendation for the position, to the Cupertino Poet Laureate Selection Committee, at 10185 N Stelling Road, Cupertino, CA 95014 by 5:00 p.m., October 31, 2021.

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle

Residential Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employer (if applicable): _____

Please check one for each of the following:

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| I am at least 21 years old. | YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am an active poet and have been published or been publicly recognized for my contributions to poetry. | YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am the sole creator of the attached poems. | YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am a resident or currently employed in Cupertino for at least 2 consecutive years. | YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am comfortable speaking in public. If speech impaired, I may delegate reading tasks to a qualified speaker. | YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> |

If you answered “no” to any of the above questions, you are not eligible to be appointed Cupertino Poet Laureate. (See other side for more information)

Signature

I certify that I meet and agree with all eligibility requirements noted in this application and the information provided is true and correct.

Print your Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Additional Information

Applicant provides assurance that he/she will be available for a two-year term, starting Spring 2022, which may be renewed, or revoked at any time by a majority vote of the Committee.

If speech impaired, Poet Laureate may delegate reading of his/her poetry to others, but the Poet Laureate must be the author.

Fluency in English is required for this position.

Ability to write and read poetry in other languages is of interest.

In collaboration with the Committee, the Poet Laureate will design annual Poetry Writing contests.

Poet Laureate should recommend to the Committee for its approval a personal project designed to promote appreciation of poetry to community members and students.

Poet Laureate will provide public poetry readings supported by City promotion resources (TV, radio, Courier, banners, web pages, etc.), some of which to be held in the Cupertino Public Library.

No remuneration is offered to the Poet Laureate though pre-approved expenses may be reimbursed. The City reserves the right to record, publish, and display works produced by the Poet Laureate in his/her official capacity during his/her term of office. No other restriction except attribution when presented is imposed.

Applicant agrees that he/she will not pursue any legal remedy against the Committee, the City, its agents or employees.

Thank you for your interest.