



Poet Laureate of Woodbury Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q. What is the role of a Poet Laureate?

A. The number one role of a Poet Laureate is to share a love of poetry with the Town of Woodbury community.

Q. What requirements are there to be a Poet Laureate?

A. The Poet Laureate must be 18 years of age or older, reside in Woodbury, Connecticut, be willing to serve a three-year appointment, have published works, or have received recognition for writings.

Q. What is the term length for the appointed Poet Laureate?

A. The Poet Laureate will serve three years from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027.

Q. May a Poet Laureate hold the position more than once?

A. Yes, a Poet Laureate may serve more than once, but not consecutively.

Q. What kinds of events does a Poet Laureate participate in?

A. Here are a few of the types of events that a Poet Laureate participates in: poetry open mics (often themed), poetry writing workshops focusing on the craft, poetry celebrations in the Library with various activities and panels, Poem in your Pocket Day, specially written poems for Library/Town events which are read as part of a ceremony, collaboration with schools to encourage poetry writing contests, and more!

Q. How frequently does a Poet Laureate hold events, workshops, poetry readings, etc.?

A. The Poet Laureate should plan on hosting a minimum of four events at the Library in a calendar year, but may also be asked to make an additional appearance related to a Library or Town of Woodbury occasion.

Q. How do I apply to be a Poet Laureate?

A. Fill out the application found on the Library's website and in the Library, and submit it along with three poems and a letter of interest before end of day on August 30. Applications may be submitted in person or mailed to the Woodbury Public Library, 269 Main Street South, Woodbury, CT 06798.
Attention: Poet Laureate Committee

Q. Is there a committee for the selection process?

A. Yes, we have a panel of three: Library Director, Adult Programming Librarian, and First Selectman.

Q. What are the steps in the Poet Laureate selection process?

A. The Library will begin advertising our vacancy in May (After celebrating National Poetry Month in April) through August this year since our current Poet Laureate's position will be ending in September. August 30 will be our due date for applications. Interviews will be held September 4 through 13. Announcement of the new Poet Laureate and *The Passing of the Quill* reception has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30 pm.

Q. Does a Poet Laureate receive a stipend?

A. No, the Poet Laureate is a voluntary and honorary position.