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POET LAUREATE APPLICATION (2022-2024 Term)

DEADLINE: September 1, 2021

It is the intent of the Board of Library Trustees to appoint a Watsonville Poet Laureate who will provide a focus for the appreciation and dissemination of poetry in Watsonville, promote the appreciation and knowledge of poetry among our youth, and act as spokesperson for the growing number of poets and writers in the City of Watsonville.

Applicant must be 18 years or older and a resident of Watsonville or Freedom

Name: _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please attach the following:

- 1) A resume that includes evidence of a significant body of the poet's original work, whether published, self-published, or unpublished;
- 2) A 2-page personal statement that includes the applicant's: 1) evidence of a history of advocacy for poetry, 2) commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, 3) involvement in or connection to the Watsonville community, 4) goals and vision as Watsonville Poet Laureate, 5) availability for the two-year term.;
- 3) Poetry samples from the applicant, not to exceed ten pages;
- 4) Two personal or professional letters of reference (not including Poet Laureate Selection Committee members) who can comment about the applicant's contributions to the creative arts and/or community;
- 5) Proof of current residency in Watsonville/Freedom (a copy of utility bill, phone bill, etc.)

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return completed applications to Alicia Martinez, Library Director,
275 Main St. Suite 100, Watsonville, CA 95076

Applications may also be emailed to alicia.martinez@cityofwatsonville.org

Please note that your completed application is a public document that may be included in a Library Board meeting agenda packet. It will also be available to members of the public upon request.