

CITY OF ROCKFORD YOUTH POET LAUREATE

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Who May Apply

The City of Rockford Poet Laureate Committee encourages the nomination of all eligible candidates. Young poets of all subgenres and styles will be considered.

Nomination Guidelines

All City of Rockford Youth Poet Laureate nominees must:

- Must be between the ages of 13-18 years of age at the time of nomination
- Have been a resident of Winnebago County for or at least 1 year prior to the nomination deadline and remain a resident throughout the two-year term
- Must be committed to bringing poetry to a wide range of places and people

Nomination Requirements

The following four items are required as part of each nomination :

1. A [completed nomination form](#) via the online nomination process. The online form will include:
 - (a) contact information for the nominator and the nominated poet, including mailing address, phone numbers and e-mail address, and
2. **Biographical sketch**, not to exceed one page, which includes any special honors, awards, publications, or other recognition.
3. The submission should consist of a **work sample** (published or unpublished) of up to 3 poems, not to exceed 5 pages, with no more than one poem per page. The work sample may be written or audio.
4. A **narrative**, not to exceed two (2) pages, describing
 - (a) why the nominee wishes to be considered,

(b) what the nominee would hope to accomplish during the two years as the City of Rockford Poet Laureate, and

(c) the theme to be explored during the initial year of service and ideas for any special projects related to the position.

How to Submit a Nomination

All nominations, including self-nominations, should be submitted via the [online application form](#) at **by 5 p.m.** on the submission deadline.

Online submissions are strongly encouraged and preferred, but in the event you are unable to submit electronically, please send your submission to:

City of Rockford Poet Laureate Committee
Rockford Area Arts Council
713 East State Street
Rockford, IL 61104

