

Lima Poet Laureate

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Guidelines: Lima Poet Laureate

The Lima Poet Laureate will promote the art of poetry and encourage literacy and learning throughout Lima and Allen County.

Overview:

The Lima Poet Laureate will share a literary theme for their two-year term and engage with a variety of constituencies, promoting poetry through public appearances, readings, workshops, and digital/social media.

Nomination Period: March 11 Application Process begins with a presentation to Lima City Council and opening of the submission period.

All Submissions are Due April 8 by 5 PM.

Selected Poet Laureate will be informed of their selection on May 1, 2024

Name of Lima Poet Laureate will be announced at Lima City Council on May 6, 2024

Term of Service:

The Lima Poet Laureate shall serve a two-year term.

Who May Apply:

Members of the public are encouraged to nominate candidates and poets are encouraged to apply.

Nomination Guidelines:

All Lima Poet Laureate nominees shall:

Be 21 years of age or older at the time of nomination.

Reside in Lima/Allen County for at least 3 years prior to the nomination.

Bring poetry to a wide range of people.

Nomination Requirements

1. Nominations should include contact information for nominator and poet, including mailing address, phone numbers, and e-mail address.
2. Biographical sketch, resume, or curriculum vitae.
3. The submission should include a work sample (published or unpublished) of 3 to 5 poems.
4. The submission should include an idea and or project the person is interested in completing such as poetry book, music and poetry, art and poetry, podcasts, website, etc.
5. Audio submissions should include a transcript of the poems.
6. Nominated poets will be interviewed by the Laureate Selection Committee.

How to Submit a Nomination

All nominations should be submitted or postmarked to ArtSpace Lima by April 8 at 5 PM.

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Selection Criteria

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1. Quality of a body of poetry work published or unpublished
2. Ability to work successfully with the public in art/words projects for Lima, Allen County.

Expectations of the Position

The Lima Poet Laureate is expected to:

- Celebrate the written and spoken poetic voices of Lima residents by using the appointment as a platform from which to illuminate their own work and writers in Lima and Allen County.
- Contribute to the growth, access, and awareness of poetry throughout Lima and Allen County.
- Encourage both the reading and writing of literature.
- Use the art of poetry to enlighten, educate, entertain, transform and inspire established and emerging generations of literary artists and readers of literature.
- Participate in literary events and education programs in schools in the region.
- Promote poetry and the Lima Poet Laureate position via official social media accounts.
- Prepare and provide a written report of activities every six months to the Lima Poet Laureate Committee. Coordinate activities with ArtSpace and provide learning activities monthly for the Lima Community.
- Create a substantial new work commemorating the City of Lima through works that speak to, for, and of Lima and Allen County.
- Collaborate with other city and state poet laureates when possible.

The Poet Laureate will receive:

1. A stipend and the title of Lima, Ohio Poet Laureate