

Clark County, Nevada Poet Laureate

Nomination Guidelines

Clark County is seeking candidates to serve as Clark County Poet Laureate, an honorary position with the mission of promoting poetry as an art form and a medium for inspirational public commentary. The two-year position was established by the Clark County Commission in 2014. The two-year term will begin June 1, 2015.

Requirements

To be considered for the position, a poet must reside in Clark County, be at least 18 years of age and be available for public activities throughout the term of service. A poet may be self-nominated or nominated by others.

Selection

Clark County Parks and Recreation (CCP&R) will facilitate the selection process. A diverse selection committee of five county residents with expertise in poetry and literature will select the laureate. The laureate will be chosen by the criteria of: quality of work, distinguished achievement, perceived ability to advance poetry among the public, and an understanding of the public responsibility of the position.

The Term

The Poet Laureate will meet with a designated representative of CCP&R to plan activities during the two-year term. The Poet Laureate must be able and willing to participate at public gatherings and educational settings throughout the term of service. The CCP&R representative will help facilitate such activities. The Laureate shall represent and celebrate the diversity and history of Clark County throughout the term of service and will be asked to create poems highlighting the diversity of the people, places and traditions of Clark County. The Poet Laureate is an honorary two-year position without compensation.

Nominations

Please submit a complete Nomination Packet, including all the following items. Do not staple or bind. Items in the packet will not be returned.

Nomination Packet

1. Professional Resume
2. Biography (one page or less)
3. Work samples (multiple poems, totaling not more than 20 pages)
4. Publications Credits:
 - Anthologies: include title, publisher, editor, date of publication and poem titles

Chapbooks/Books: include title, publisher and date of publication

Journals/Magazines: include title, volume and number, date of publication and poem titles

Do not include: prose writing, vanity press publication or any self-published work, non-print (on-line) publication, or works appearing in publications for which nominee served as editor.

NOTE: Finalists may be asked for samples or copies of their published work.

5. List of public appearances (readings, slams, etc.)
6. List of accomplishments and contributions to poetry at large (2 page maximum) (Could include related professional or volunteer work, awards and honors).
7. Three letters of recommendation
8. One-page statement of the Role of Clark County Poet Laureate and how the nominee would fulfill this role.

Deadline

Deadline is 5:00 pm, Friday, May 1, 2015, to either the mailing address or e-mail address below. Please note that NEITHER IS A POSTMARK DEADLINE. Applications not in County hands by 5:00 p.m. May 1 will not be accepted. No additions or corrections will be accepted after the deadline.

Materials will not be returned.

Mail Nomination Packets to:

Poet Laureate Nominations
Attn: Patrick Gaffey
Winchester Cultural Center
3130 S. McLeod Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89120

OR email to:

gaffeypj@clarkcountynv.gov

Questions may be directed to the e-mail address above or to Patrick Gaffey at (702) 455-7340.