



Town of Glastonbury

POET LAUREATE

Program Overview

This year marks the first year of Glastonbury's honorary Poet Laureate position. As the town's representative poet, the Poet Laureate serves as an advocate for poetry and promotes the appreciation of and participation in poetry and literary arts activities among Glastonbury's residents.

Program Timeline

Application deadline: April 30, 2015
Panel review: May 2015
Award notification: Mid-June 2015
Poet Laureate term: July 1, 2015-June 30, 2018



Duties

- ☞ Make at least three (3) public presentations during town events each year.
- ☞ Foster public appreciation of poetry in the community.

Terms of Service

- ☞ The Glastonbury Poet Laureate will serve a term of three (3) years, with reappointment a possibility.
- ☞ The Poet Laureate must remain a resident of Glastonbury during his/her term.
- ☞ The Glastonbury Town Council reserves the right to revoke the tenure of the Poet Laureate if he or she fails to fulfill his/her duties or is involved in criminal or unethical activities.
- ☞ There will be no honorarium.

Eligibility

- ☞ Applicants must be a resident of the Town of Glastonbury for at least the past three (3) years prior to the application deadline.
- ☞ Applicants must possess a distinguished career in the field of poetry.
- ☞ Applicants must be able to give at least three (3) public presentations per year.
- ☞ Applicants must be at least 18 years old.

Application Process

- ☞ Applicants will submit a cover letter, resume and 4-5 selections of their work, in paper format or electronically. See contact information, below, for details.

Review Process

- ☞ Glastonbury's first Poet Laureate will be chosen by a review panel of local literary professionals and poets, along with the Welles-Turner Memorial Library Board members.
- ☞ The selection criteria are:
 - Outstanding reputation and distinction within the field of poetry.
 - Excellence of the poet's work.
 - Commitment to fostering appreciation and participation in poetry.
- ☞ Toward the end of the selection process, finalists will be asked in for an interview by the review panel to assist in making a final determination.

Contact

Electronic submissions: barbara.bailey@glastonbury-ct.gov

Paper submissions: Welles-Turner Memorial Library
Attn: Poet Laureate Committee
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Glastonbury, CT 06033

Submitted by the Welles-Turner Memorial Library Board, Poet Laureate Committee:

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