

# STANISLAUS COUNTY YOUTH POET LAUREATE

## 2025 APPLICATION

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025**

Apply online at: <https://www.mostpoetry.org/contests/ypl/>

If you are unable to apply online, you may mail in this form; see the address at the bottom of the page.

**To be eligible, an applicant must:**

- be a Stanislaus County resident and/or be enrolled in a Stanislaus County school
- be between the ages of 15 and 19 on March 3, 2025
- be available to serve as Laureate for the program year, June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2026
  - be living locally through the program year

Poems will be judged on *Content, Craft, Voice, Leadership* and *Performance*. The last two criteria will be scored based on a video submission (not to exceed 5 minutes total length) which includes a) an explanation of the applicant's desire to serve as Youth Poet Laureate and b) reading of a poem written by the applicant.

### PART A: Your Information (required)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI Month/Day/Year

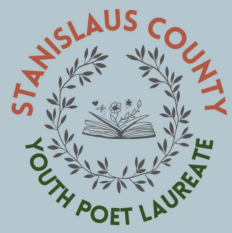
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Apartment/Unit #  
CA  
City ZIP Code

Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Stanislaus County Youth Poet Laureate Program? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning to be in Stanislaus County for the full Poet Laureate program year: June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2026?  Yes  No



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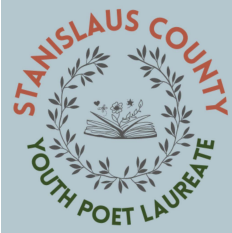
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### PART A: Your Information *(continued)*

**Artist Statement/Bio:** Introduce yourself. Tell us who you are and what poetry means to you. This will be used as your bio if you are chosen as Youth Poet Laureate. 250 words maximum.

### PART B: Awards and Service

1. List any awards or honors you have received (including anywhere your work has been published).
2. List any community service or activism you have done.
3. List all previous participation in events or activities with the Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center or other literary group(s).



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### PART C: Your Writing (required)

Please submit at least THREE poems (no more than FIVE) totaling no more than 10 pages. Put all poems into one Word document or PDF; please attach that document when emailing this submission form.

### PART D: Name of Adult Sponsor (required)

Please provide the name of an Adult Sponsor who you can ask to write you a letter of recommendation. Choose someone who knows your writing, school performance, or community involvement. Ask someone for this well in advance. Letter of recommendation should be emailed separately to [ypl@mostpoetry.org](mailto:ypl@mostpoetry.org) and is due by March 3, 2025.

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Phone Number or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PART E: Parent/Guardian Information

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Not required if you are 18 as of March 3, 2025

Parent/Guardian Phone Number or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PART F: Signature (required)

By submitting this application, I agree that the poetry I submitted is my original work and I meet the Youth Poet Laureate eligibility requirements. I understand that if I am selected, my writing may be published as part of the program, but I still retain the full rights to publish or perform my work anywhere else I choose.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Youth Poet Laureate application packets consists of three pieces; deadline for all is March 3, 2025:

- This application
- A Word doc or PDF with at least 3 and no more than 5 original poems
- A letter of recommendation (see Part D above)
- An informal video, no longer than 5 minutes total, with applicant explaining their reason for seeking a laureateship along with reading of an original poem, emailed to or shared with [ypl@mostpoetry.org](mailto:ypl@mostpoetry.org). Please let us know if you need assistance with any parts of this packet.

**THANK YOU!**

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Mailed and emailed materials must be received by midnight March 3, 2025; see info at <https://www.mostpoetry.org/contests/ypl/>  
For questions and/or to mail your complete application if you have no means of applying online :