

# 2018-2020 DULUTH POET LAUREATE PROJECT

## APPLICATION FORM

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

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature confirms to the Duluth Poet Laureate Selection Committee that you are a resident of Minnesota, and that you have lived in Duluth or the Duluth area for at least five of the last ten years.

Please submit this form, along with the other required materials, to:

Jim Perlman, Chairperson  
The Duluth Poet Laureate Project  
711 Woodland Avenue  
Duluth, Minnesota 55812

Questions? Please contact Jim Perlman, [218-724-1653](tel:218-724-1653); [holycow@holycowpress.org](mailto:holycow@holycowpress.org)

For information about the Duluth Poet Laureate Project, please visit  
[www.duluthpoetlaureate.org](http://www.duluthpoetlaureate.org)

## DULUTH POET LAUREATE APPLICATION GUIDELINES

### Application and Selection Process:

A Poet Laureate Selection Committee will review all applications and will select the Duluth Poet Laureate, whose term will be for two years. The Selection Committee is composed of representatives from Duluth's literary community, related businesses and organizations, local colleges and/or universities, and other individuals interested in the field of poetry. The Duluth Poet Laureate Project has as its fiscal agent the Zeitgeist Arts Center.

### Application Qualifications:

1. Must be a legal resident of Minnesota and have lived and/or worked in the Duluth city area for at least five of the last ten years.
2. Must show a willingness and ability to fulfill poet laureate responsibilities, and the intent to live or work in Duluth or the Duluth city area for the duration of the appointment.
3. Must have made significant contributions to the literary community, which could include teaching, organizing public events, et al.

### A Complete Application Must Contain:

1. A completed Duluth Poet Laureate Application Form, signed by the applicant poet.
2. A signed cover letter from the applicant (no more than two single-sided pages), stating why you are interested in the post of Duluth Poet Laureate and what activities you have organized and which events you are interested in helping to organize.
3. A brief biography (one page maximum).
4. A list of your published literary work from the last ten years. Please include publishers, dates of publication, and number of pages of each of the works listed, including self-published works.
5. Ten pages of poems by the applicant poet. Each poem must be typed or printed on 8.5" x 11" paper, single-sided, with at least half inch margins and 12 point typeface.

Optional: A DVD, or electronic file of the poet reading one or two of their poems.

The application process will take place in two parts: (1) review of submitted materials and selection of finalists and (2) the opportunity for finalists to speak with the selection committee.

Applications will be evaluated on three primary areas: the quality of sample poems, the applicant's history of contributions to the poetry community, and the applicant's ideas for representing Duluth as its poet laureate.

Deadline for Completed Applications: Postmarked by September 4, 2018, or delivered to Jim Perlman, Chairperson, Duluth Poet Laureate Project, 711 Woodland Avenue, Duluth, Minnesota 55812 by 5 pm., September 4, 2018.

## DULUTH POET LAUREATE APPLICATION Q & A

### **1. What is a Poet Laureate?**

Traditionally, Poet Laureate is an honorary title given to a person who has demonstrated excellence in poetry. Many states (Minnesota was the thirty-eighth, in January, 2008) and several cities and boroughs have an official poet laureate.

### **2. What does the Poet Laureate do?**

The Duluth Poet Laureate will work with cultural, educational, and other organizations to encourage the public to express literary creativity, through appearances, readings, workshops, and other public displays of poetry. For the two year term, the Duluth Poet Laureate will organize at least five events, participate in an inaugural reading, and attend monthly poet laureate committee meetings.

### **3. What is the duration of service for the Duluth Poet Laureate?**

The Duluth Poet Laureate will serve for two years in that capacity. In the case that the Laureate cannot serve for that duration of time because of extended illness, relocation, job situation, or inability to perform, the selection committee will solicit applications once again from the public. A Duluth Poet Laureate may reapply for this position at the end of their term or at any time in the future.

### **4. Can a poet be nominated by an individual, group of individuals, or an organization or institution?**

No. Individuals and organizations may encourage and/or support the application of a poet; however, the application form must be signed by the poet and be accompanied by a signed cover letter from the poet, stating why he or she is interested in the post of Duluth Poet Laureate.

### **5. For qualification purposes, how does the program define the Duluth, Minnesota area?**

It is the area that includes Duluth and within a 30-mile distance from Duluth in Minnesota.

### **6. Are collaborative and/or mixed media works acceptable?**

Yes. Both collaborative and mixed media works will be considered.

### **7. Will poems that have been only published online be considered?**

Yes. Such poems may be included in the application if the publishing site(s) utilizes a competitive review and acceptance process and includes a diverse list of poets, i.e. not restricted to only one poet or poets from a particular group or organization.

### **8. What compensation will the Duluth Poet Laureate receive?**

An honorarium of \$3,000 for their two-year term.