



## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

### **2020 City of Victoria Youth Poet Laureate**

#### **Introduction**

Drawing on the amazing expertise of a new generation of Victoria poets, the City of Victoria Youth Poet Laureate seeks to give the community access to strong youth voices. As the first of its kind in Canada, the City of Victoria is in a unique position to be a leader in the art and youth engagement scene by engaging youth in a validating, authentic position that celebrates youth's contribution to their community. Reaching vulnerable youth populations and encouraging peer to peer education and inspiration, the Youth Poet Laureate will pave the way for hundreds of youth to engage on a civic level through their artistic voice.

Mentored by City of Victoria Poet Laureate, the Youth Poet Laureate will present original work to both the City of Victoria Council and Youth Council, produce new work and organize a community youth poetry event during their term in this position.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Undertake a community engagement project that will engage youth and in particular vulnerable youth
- Perform at six City Council meetings and three Youth Council meetings and may choose to perform at other select public events
- Create three new works of poetry
- Serve as a judge on the panel for the Greater Victoria Public Library (GVPL) Teen Writing Contest
- Perform one poem at the GVPL Teen Writers Reception
- Perform at one GVPL event

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

Youth ages 14-24 are encouraged to apply and must live in the Capital Regional District.

#### **Term and Remuneration**

The Youth Poet Laureate will be given a \$1,750 honorarium and \$2,000 of project funding, and a year-long mentorship with the City of Victoria's Poet Laureate. The term for the Youth Poet Laureate is from January to December 2020.

## **Call for Nomination Requirements**

1. Three original poems in any format including written, audio or video. If you are submitting audio or video, please include a transcription of the poems you submit.
2. A letter of intent including an outline of your vision for the Youth Poet Laureate position and three sample ideas of projects that you would undertake as Youth Poet Laureate.
3. A résumé outlining your community engagement experience related to school, work, or volunteer experience.

## **Selection Process and Criteria**

Selection criteria:

- Demonstrated ability to engage the community
- Clear and innovative ideas regarding the vision for the position of Youth Poet Laureate
- Ease and skill at presenting and performing their work to the public

Submissions will be evaluated by a peer Committee comprised of representatives of the literary and poetry community. Finalists for the Youth Poet Laureate position will be invited for an interview with the selection panel. Interviews will be conducted during the last two weeks of November.

## **Deadline**

Applications are accepted electronically or by mail until Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 4 p.m. Please email your application to [culture@victoria.ca](mailto:culture@victoria.ca)

For more information, please contact [culture@victoria.ca](mailto:culture@victoria.ca) or call 250.361.0308.