

CALL FOR POET LAUREATE



The City of Redmond seeks applications for the position of **Redmond Poet Laureate**

The purpose of the Redmond Poet Laureate program is to make a significant contribution to the cultural life of the city, and reveal new ways of understanding throughout our diverse community.

Deadline: 5:00 p.m. PST, April 29, 2019

Location: Redmond, Washington

Program Dates: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021 (24 months)

Term: The term of office is one year, renewable for another year, beginning in July 2019.

Compensation: Artist Fees: \$5,000 per year
Project materials: \$5,000 per year

Paid by host: Artist fees and project materials fees listed above; marketing materials; and staff support. Potential presentation, workshop or programming space is available.

Paid by artist: Artists will cover their own travel expenses to and from Redmond; Artists can increase the scale of projects through outside funding sources pursued by the artist

This compensation will be reflected in a written agreement that must be renewed annually. The City may decide not to renew the agreement for any reason.

Duties of the Redmond Poet Laureate

The Poet Laureate will:

1. Broaden the awareness of poetry.
2. Express the spirit of Redmond culture through poetry.
3. Raise the level of discourse during discussions and debates in the City.

Scope of Work

The Poet Laureate will generate a work plan within the allocated budget each year that includes participation in at least one if not all three municipal events annually and community engagement opportunities that could include public poetry readings, reading at city council meetings, workshops, classes, lectures, text based visual art, composing and publishing original works, public art projects or other literary based performance or activity, which could include partnerships with the library, local schools, or other community groups.

Applications are due on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 5 p.m. PST

Contact: Chris Weber, Cultural Arts Administrator, 425.556.2316 or cweber@redmond.gov

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HOW TO APPLY

1. Submit an application by **Monday, April 29, 2019 at 5pm.**
2. Finalists may be asked to interview with the selection panel.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. The selection panel will recommend a candidate to the Arts and Culture Commission
2. The Arts and Culture Commission will make a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council
3. A finalist will be recommended to the Mayor and the City Council for confirmation.
4. The confirmation process will include interviews with both the Mayor and City Council.

Eligibility: Eligible nominees must meet the following requirements:

- Be a poet with a substantial body of work published, with active projects in the last five years
- Show strong program planning and implementation

Selection Criteria

Applications will be selected through a selection panel. Criteria for selection will be:

- Quality and strength of past work
- Potential to make a significant contribution to the cultural life of the City
- Commitment to the role of poetry in civic life
- Demonstrated connection to Redmond
- Availability of the artist for a term of up to 24 months
- Demonstrated experience serving a linguistically and culturally diverse community
- Ability to plan and execute project

Application Materials

Please submit a completed **Poet Laureate Application Form** and **all the prescribed attachments.**