

POET LAUREATE SCOPE OF SERVICES

PURPOSE

Under the guidance and direction of the Stockton Arts Commission, the Poet Laureate is responsible for commemorating specific civic events through composing and reading poetry and increasing the public's awareness of the benefits and importance of poetry and the literary arts.

TERM

Poet Laureate will serve one (1) year term July 21, 2015, or when attested, through June 30, 2016; with one mutual option (1) for one additional year at City's invitation 90 days prior to expiration of the first year. Term shall not exceed two (2) years.

STIPEND

The Poet Laureate will receive an annual stipend of \$2,000 paid quarterly (\$500 per quarter) upon receipt of artist invoice the first day of each quarter. Stipend is inclusive of all costs associated with the work of the Poet Laureate (advertising, supplies, materials, travel, per diem, meals, insurance, and travel expenses)

- Q-1 July 7, 2015 to September 30, 2015
- Q-2 October 1, 2015 to December 30, 2015
- Q-3 January 1, 2016 to March 30, 2016
- Q-4 April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Serve as a public advocate for the appreciation and advancement of poetry and the literary arts with the understanding that a Poet Laureate speaks as a representative of the City when the message is approved in advance by the Director of Community Services; and will clearly differentiate professional role from personal opinions when speaking from a personal perspective.
- Create a project, a series of three separate workshops, no less than four (4) hours per workshops through the Arts Commission, to bring poetic art to those youth who might not otherwise have this exposure. The workshops will provide writing and communication skills through poetry at local schools
- Represent the City at six specific events as assigned by the Director of Community Services. Each quarter will include one - three events.
 - July-August-September:
 - September 19, 2015- Family Day at the Park
 - Oct-Nov-Dec:
 - 12-5-2015- Tree Lighting/Boat Parade
 - Jan-Feb-March:

ATTACHMENT A

- 1-18-2016- MLK Event
- (TBD) Swearing In Ceremony/Ceremonies
- March 6, 2016- Chinese New Year
- April-May-June:
 - April; 25, 2016- Earth Day
 - May 1, 2016- Cinco De Mayo,
 - Movies at the Point, (2nd Friday of each month June- Oct) (or)
 - Music in the Park (Wednesdays June-August 2016)
- Special consideration of large culturally relevant opportunities or other occasions where the community comes together to commemorate significant milestones may be substituted as mutually agreed upon between the Director of Community Services and Poet Laureate.
- Place an emphasis in bringing poetry and the literary arts to the youth of the community by working with the Director of Community Services and Arts Commission to identify specific collaborative opportunities with local schools, libraries, and literary organizations.
- At the Direction of the Director of Community Services, identify potential poets who could be invited by the Community Services Department to perform at cultural performances sponsored by the Arts Commission.