



**Committee for the Arts – Poet Laureate
Mayor’s Office
Gloucester City Hall
9 Dale Avenue
Gloucester, MA 01930**

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

CITY OF GLOUCESTER POET LAUREATE

The City of Gloucester is accepting applications for the post of Poet Laureate.

Deadline for applications: April 15th, 2008

The Poet Laureate is dedicated to building community through poetry and encouraging a love of poetry among people of all ages.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The duties and responsibilities of the Poet Laureate of Gloucester will depend primarily on the candidate chosen but basically they should; advocate for poetry, language and the arts; promote and make all people, of all generations, in all segments of our society more aware of the art of creative writing, particularly in the craft of poetry; assist all poets by increasing the reading, writing and publishing of this art for the greater enjoyment and appreciation of the craft.

The Poet Laureate is also requested to provide a brief annual progress report to the Committee for the Arts.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age.

Reside in the City of Gloucester for a minimum of one year prior to nomination.

Display a strong commitment to the community.

Be active as a published poet.

Be capable and enthusiastic to fulfill duties.

Note: All candidates are eligible regardless of race, gender, belief, national origin, sexual orientation or physical ability.

TERM OF SERVICE:

The term of service for the Poet Laureate is two years from the date of appointment.

If the Poet Laureate cannot fulfill his/her term, the Laureate Selection Panel shall select a new Poet

Laureate to complete the term.

A Poet Laureate may serve two consecutive terms upon reapplication and approval through the panel process.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Completed and Signed Application Form with required submissions

A Curriculum Vitae or Resume

Resident of Gloucester for one year

Three (3) complete poems of 3 pages or less

NOTE: All entries must be typewritten or word-processed in readable font size. Photocopied poems from publications are acceptable. Any work submitted will not be returned.

Mail or deliver complete application packages to:

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01930

SELECTION PROCESS:

A call for Applications will be distributed through various print and online media.

A Laureate Selection Panel drawing from members of the area's literary community and one member of the Committee for the Arts, will select a finalist and an alternate from among the applicants. These names will be submitted to the Gloucester Committee for the Arts. The recommendation will then be forwarded to the Mayor for approval and recommendation to City Council. During the selection process, the Panel may or may not ask for an interview with the final candidates.

DEADLINE:

Submissions must be received in the Mayor's office, Gloucester City Hall by April 15th, 2008. Please note: this is not a postmark date.

Applicants will be notified no later than June 1st, 2008.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:

All writings, notes, and original materials produced during the tenure of the Poet Laureate shall remain the property of the Poet Laureate.



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**POET LAUREATE OF GLOUCESTER
APPLICATION**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Day) _____ Evening _____

E-mail _____ Website _____

Note: Add additional sheets as necessary for following questions.

List any memberships in literary organizations

Publications where your work has appeared

List Literary Awards and Dates Awarded _____

In 100 words or less, why are you interested in the post of Gloucester's Poet Laureate and what activities are you interested in helping to organize? In particular, how would you educate young people and others in the mechanics, nuances and beauty of the literary arts?

IMPORTANT -

Please attach (3) complete poems of 3 pages or less, written within the last 10 years. Submissions should be printed in a readable size font. If possible, include a sample having to do with a civic theme or a Gloucester-related theme. Be sure the author's name is on each attachment.

Applicant should also include an updated resume not to exceed 2 pages.

DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION:

Applications must be received at Mayor's office, Gloucester City Hall, no later than April 15th, 2008.

Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

Send or deliver complete application to: Committee for the Arts – Poet Laureate, Mayor's Office, Gloucester City Hall, 9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester MA 01930

I, _____, authorize my name to stand for nomination for the position of Poet Laureate of Gloucester, MA, and that I have resided in Gloucester for the past year. I also verify that the representations made in this application are true and complete and that the work samples submitted with my application are my own work.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____



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SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR THE GLOUCESTER POET LAUREATE

**These are not requirements, but intended to stimulate thought.
The poet laureate may choose to devise his or her own initiatives.**

1. To raise public awareness of poetry through readings, appearances, workshops, and other public displays of poetry.
2. To arrange for poet in the school appearances/readings in middle, junior and senior high schools or other projects to encourage students in the art of poetry.
3. To write a monthly poetry column, in which reviews of recent poetry books, individual poems, or other poetry issues are explored.
4. To organize poetry workshops at local libraries.
5. To create poems for specific occasions.
6. To help organize an annual city-wide poetry event.
7. To select poems for display in public spaces.
8. To create a poetry program/contest for seniors