



The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

Town of Newtown – Poet Laureate

GUIDELINES

Nomination Deadline: August 1, 2015

Timeline:	Application Deadline	August 1, 2015
	Newtown Cultural Arts Commission Review	August 15, 2015
	Approval by Board of Selectmen	August 30, 2015
	Announcement of Poet Laureate (at Arts Festival)	September 19, 2015
	Term Period	October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016

Duties:

- The Poet Laureate serves as an ambassador in the greater arts community.
- Fosters public appreciation of and participation in poetry and literary arts.
- Is present at no less than one public event per year as requested by the Newtown Board of Selectman or Newtown Cultural Arts Commission.
- Serve as an auxiliary member of the Newtown Cultural Arts Commission.

Terms of Service:

- The Town of Newtown Poet Laureate will serve a term of three years.

Who May Apply:

- Applicants must be full time residents of Newtown, Connecticut.
- Applicants must be available to give presentations.
- The Poet Laureate must be in residence in Newtown for the entire term of his/her office. (e.g. excludes students away at school)
- Members of the Newtown Cultural Arts Commission and their families are not eligible to apply.

Selection Criteria:

- Outstanding reputation and merit in the field of poetry
- Excellence of poet's work; history of substantial publications
- Excellence of presentation, if possible. (As seen in online sites e.g. YouTube)
- Capacity to encourage public appreciation and participation in poetry through readings and public presentations.

Review Process:

- The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission and a peer panel of poets and literary professionals will review eligible applicants, determine finalists, and make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for appointment.

(For more information, e-mail Chair@NewtownArtsCommission.org)

APPLICATION

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Send completed application to:

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission, Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town, State Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Internet Presentations (e.g. YouTube): _____

Signature: I certify that the information submitted is true and accurate and that the work samples submitted are an accurate representation of my work.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

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PLEASE SUBMIT (In type no smaller than 12 point.)

- Application Form dated and signed by applicant.
- A resumé or curriculum vitae, including training, awards, honors, presentations, publications, or other recognitions.
- A narrative, limited to one page, describing your vision of the post of Poet Laureate.
- Work sample of five poems, previously or newly written:
 - 1 poem appropriate for the inauguration of a First Selectman
 - 1 poem appropriate for the opening of an art gallery
 - 1 poem appropriate for presentation at a senior center
 - 2 poems of your choice