

## **ALEXANDRIA POET LAUREATE**

### **Call for Nominations**

#### **Purpose of the Alexandria Poet Laureate:**

Promotes appreciation of poetry as an art form; encourages creative writing and reading of all forms of literature; and promotes literacy through poetry. Activities include creating and presenting poems for official City ceremonies; outreach to schools and other community organizations; and other initiatives to be determined by the Poet Laureate in collaboration with City staff and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

**Eligibility:** Distinguished in the field of poetry through their body of work, published or unpublished. A City of Alexandria resident for a minimum of 1 year; must maintain residency through the 3-year term of service. Able to fulfill Poet Laureate ceremonial role, including presentations of work appropriate for all audiences. Minimum of 18 years of age.

**Entry Rules:** Candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by others. Entries must include no more than 10 separate works — any style, form, or length — of original published or unpublished poems. Entries must be typewritten or word-processed, 1-sided, 12-point font size, or photocopied from books or magazines. **DO NOT PLACE NAME OR ADDRESS ON POETRY PAGES.** Attach entry form with paper clip to packet of poems. *If return of entries is desired, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage.* Please do not send certified mail.

Entries should include an essay of up to 250 words answering the question: “What can you (or the nominee) bring to the role of Poet Laureate for the City of Alexandria?”

**Deadline:** Mail entries to: The Alexandria Poet Laureate, c/o Alexandria Commission for the Arts, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 2231. Entries must be postmarked **NO LATER** than close of business **Friday, January 22, 2010.**

**Notification:** Winner will be notified in March 2010.      **Award:** \$500 annual honorarium.

**Judges:** The selection committee consists of two members of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and up to 7 members representing Alexandria organizations and the community at large.

**Selection Process:** (1) Judges review all entries and choose finalists for a panel interview. (2) Judges hold a panel interview with finalists. Candidates will be asked to read some of their work and answer questions about how they would carry out Poet Laureate activities. (3) Judges choose Poet Laureate from among finalists and recommend his/her appointment to City Council.

For more information or additional entry forms, call the Office of the Arts, Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities at (703) 746-5588 or visit [www.alexandriacommissionforthearts.org](http://www.alexandriacommissionforthearts.org) or [www.alexandriava.gov/arts](http://www.alexandriava.gov/arts). The Alexandria Commission for the Arts assumes no responsibility for loss of any work and will not be responsible for return of work unless a stamped, self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage is enclosed.

**ALEXANDRIA POET LAUREATE  
Call for Nominations ENTRY FORM**

*Please print clearly*

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (day): \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST TITLES OF POEMS:

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Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (day): \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the nominee know you have submitted their name for consideration as the Poet Laureate?

Yes or  No

Manuscript must be postmarked NO LATER than close of business **Friday, January 22, 2010.**

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1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 22314