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ARTS COUNCIL FOR MONTEREY COUNTY LAUNCHES YOUTH POET LAUREATE PROGRAM

(Seaside, CA - January 23, 2023) The Arts Council for Monterey County in partnership with Urban Word celebrates local youth poets with the opportunity to serve as the Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate. Youth poets will exhibit a commitment to excellence, civic engagement, leadership, and social justice. Youth poets will submit five (5) original poems for adjudication to determine the Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate. The Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate will serve a one-year term and participate in several engagements throughout the year.

The application deadline is February 28, 2023 with announcement of the Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate on Saturday, April 22, 2023, 12:00pm at the Marina Library.

There will be a \$1,000 honorarium awarded to the Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate.

Criteria to be eligible for Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate

- Currently reside in Monterey County
- Be between the ages of 13-19 years old at time of submission
- Submit five (5) original poems
- Complete the application, submit a resume, statement of civic engagement, and statement of social justice activities.
- Be available to serve as Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate for the one-year term, April 2023 - April 2024

The Youth Poet Laureate acts as an advocate and county ambassador for poetry, social action and the arts. They will champion their own poetic practice while also encouraging their peers to take part in the artform through readings, workshops and by representing the county at events and engagements.

For more information visit our website - <https://arts4mc.org/youth-poet-laureate/>

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