



Youth Poet Laureate Participant Agreement

April 2026

Dear Participant,

Thank you for participating in the Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate Contest, a program aimed at identifying and celebrating young poets committed to artistic excellence, civic engagement and social justice. To be eligible for the Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate Contest, you acknowledge that you authored and submitted at least the following original five poems entitled:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

(These poems, together with all other poems you submit to the Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) or Urban Word in the future, will be considered your "Submission").

If you are a finalist of the Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate Contest, you may be automatically entered into Urban Word’s Regional Youth Poet Laureate Contest and Urban Word’s National Youth Poet Laureate Contest (each of the three contests, a "Contest Level").

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.

- Commencement Ceremony - June 9, 2026 at 5:30pm - Marina Library Community Room
- Poet Laureate projects to include working with the Monterey County Poet Laureate
- Collaborate with the Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) to develop an outreach plan
- If selected as Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate, you must live in Monterey County for the entire 2026/2027 Youth Poet Laureate term

By signing this form:

- You agree to provide the Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) with a copy of your resume and biography, your photograph (such provided materials collectively, the "Supplemental Material") and your Submission along with a signed copy of this letter.
- You authorize Arts4MC and Urban Word, and, in each case, its licensees, authorized representatives, successors and assigns (individually or collectively, "Licensee"), to use, reproduce, publish, display, make available to the public, distribute, transmit, create derivative works of and otherwise utilize your Submission and the Supplemental Material (or, in each case, any portion thereof) throughout the world, in all languages, markets, media and

formats, in connection with the current and future programs, events, offerings, advertising, publicity and promotional activities of Licensee (the “Authorized Purposes”). You understand that Licensee reserves the right to edit and supplement the Supplemental Material in its reasonable discretion.

- You authorize Licensee to photograph, videotape and otherwise record and transcribe your participation in all of Licensee’s events and programs (any such recording or transcription, the “Recording”) and further authorize Licensee to use, reproduce, publish, display, make available to the public, distribute, transmit, create derivative works of and otherwise utilize the Recording (or any portion thereof), your name, voice, image and likeness throughout the world, in all languages, markets, media and formats in connection with the Authorized Purposes.
- You agree photos and/or video recordings may be used by Licensee for limited commercial purposes of marketing and informing the community about its Program(s) on billboards, buses, posters, publications, social media, and by other related means.
- You agree that Licensee does not need to make any payments to you for the above rights, that the above rights will last forever and that Licensee will be able to sublicense such rights to third parties in connection with the Authorized Purposes.
- You acknowledge that you own the copyright in your Submission and have the right to grant the above rights.
- You waive any moral rights or equivalent rights in and to your Submission, the Supplemental Material and the Recording.
- You agree that if you are a winner at any Contest Level, you will include the following notice in all future reproductions, publications, displays or distributions of your Submission (or any portion thereof) for one year following such time as you become a winner of the highest Contest Level you win:  
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- You release Licensee from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of any of your Submission, your Supplemental Material or the Recording, including any claims for libel, defamation, infringement of the right of publicity, invasion of privacy, portrayal in a false light or intellectual property infringement.
- You agree that if you win the title of Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate, you will abide by all of the additional obligations set forth on Schedule 1. (See below)

Please submit a signed copy of this letter via EMail to [renae@arts4mc.org](mailto:renae@arts4mc.org) or U.S. mail to 24600 Silver Cloud Ct, Ste 202, Monterey, CA 93940 within 5 days of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,  
ReNae Jackson  
Arts Education Manager  
Arts Council for Monterey County

**My signature below indicates my understanding and acceptance of the terms of this Youth Poet Laureate Participant Agreement.**

\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Participant      Signature of Participant      Date

## Parent/Guardian Consent

If you, the Participant, are under 18 years of age, your parent or guardian must also sign below.

My signature below indicates my understanding and acceptance of the terms of this consent, license and release on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (“Participant”). I am the parent or legal guardian of Participant and have read this consent, license and release. I affirm the rights and consents granted by Participant, and acknowledge that Licensee is relying upon the rights and consents granted by Participant and by me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Parent/Guardian    Signature of Parent/Guardian    Date

## Youth Poet Laureate Participant Agreement

### Schedule 1

- You agree to be the Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate for the program term July 2026 through June 2027. In order to fulfill the duties of your term, you agree to attend ALL events scheduled for the Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate.
- You agree that you will receive the \$1,000 honorarium in July 2026.
- You agree to respond to emails from Arts4MC staff within 24-48 hours, particularly when pertaining to opportunities for appearances and performances.
- You agree to represent Arts4MC, Urban Word, and the title of Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate with professionalism at all times.
- You will refer any outside organizations to Arts4MC Arts Education Manager, ReNae Jackson prior to agreeing to perform or attend an event as a representative of the Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate
- If requested, you agree to provide Licensee with one clean poem (free of profanity and explicit content) for publication and display on Licensee's website(s).
- If Licensee requests, you agree to provide five additional poems.
- You agree to discuss with Urban Word the opportunity to enter into a management agreement with Urban Word.
- You agree that you will live in Monterey County during the entire 2026/2027 Youth Poet Laureate term.