

# Kansas Humanities Council Call for Applications Poet Laureate of Kansas™ for 2017-2019

## Application Deadline

5:00 PM Friday, February 17, 2017

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The Kansas Humanities Council is pleased to announce a Call for Applications for the 2017-2019 Poet Laureate of Kansas™. Activities will include public discussions that celebrate poetry as a public good, one that reveals our connected experience, past and present. Presentations will explore the laureate's own work and the poetry of others.

## Responsibilities of the Poet Laureate of Kansas™

- *Public Events.* The Poet Laureate will be listed in the KHC Speakers Bureau catalog and made available to Kansas nonprofit organizations such as libraries, art and community centers, historical museums, and civic groups. Attending KHC donor and fundraising events will also be required.
- *Social Media.* The Poet Laureate will engage with the public through one or more popular social media platforms.

## Eligibility

- At least 18 years of age and a non-student
- A Kansas resident for the previous 3 years and remain a resident throughout the Poet Laureate term (through April 2019)
- Available to travel statewide.
- Have at least one book of original poetry published by a commercial or small press (not vanity press or self-publication)

Current KHC board members or staff, past Poets Laureate, and undergraduate and graduate degree-seeking students are not eligible.

## Criteria

- *Excellence* determined by poetry samples.
- *Professionalism* determined by (1) publication of at least one book, and (2) involvement in the larger poetry community.
- *Commitment to the public advancement of poetry in Kansas* as evidenced by a history of activity through readings, presentations, blogs, poetry-centered social media, and/or teaching in a public space not normally considered a classroom. An ability to reach diverse Kansas audiences is strongly encouraged.

Genre and/or speculative poetry—poetry distinguished from other poetic genres by being categorized by its subject matter rather than the poetry's form, such as cowboy, science fiction, or fantastic poetry—will not be competitive.

## **Compensation**

The Poet Laureate will be paid a stipend per KHC-sponsored event, either \$300 or \$500 depending on distance traveled, as funding allows. (The program is funded entirely through private donations.)

## **Application Materials**

*Interested applicants must submit the following materials for consideration:*

- Application cover sheet (provided)
- One-page letter of interest that demonstrates the applicant's commitment to the humanities through poetry
- Résumé or curriculum vitae with recent publication history (3 pages maximum)
- 10 pages of sample poetry
- Up to 3 items of further support materials (Video link to a public reading, letters of reference, etc.)

***Draft applications:*** Applicants may submit a draft for KHC staff feedback prior to final submission. KHC understands that a draft is a work-in-progress. Drafts can be emailed as a PDF to Leslie Von Holten at [leslie@kansashumanities.org](mailto:leslie@kansashumanities.org). *Draft deadline: February 6, 2017.*

## **FINAL DEADLINE: 5:00 PM Friday, February 17, 2017**

E-mail applications to Leslie Von Holten, KHC director of programs, at [leslie@kansashumanities.org](mailto:leslie@kansashumanities.org).

*Application packets must be received in the KHC offices by the deadline above. Receipt of all applications will be confirmed within 3 days. If you have not received a confirmation, please call the KHC office.*

Questions? Contact Leslie Von Holten, KHC director of programs, at [leslie@kansashumanities.org](mailto:leslie@kansashumanities.org) or 785/357-0359.



Poet Laureate of Kansas™  
Kansas Humanities Council  
2017-2019 Application Cover Sheet

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Send application materials in PDF form to [leslie@kansashumanities.org](mailto:leslie@kansashumanities.org)

**Review the Call for Applications.** It is the applicant's responsibility to be familiar with this information before submitting.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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Street Address City State ZIP

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Telephone E-mail address

Are you 18 years or older? Yes  No

Have you been a Kansas resident since Jan. 1, 2014 or earlier? Yes  No

Are you available to travel statewide? Yes  No

By checking this box, you certify that representations made in this application are true and complete to the best of your knowledge, and that the work samples submitted accurately represent your original work.

**Descriptions of Supporting Materials**

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**Application Checklist**

- Application Cover Sheet
- One-page letter of interest
- Résumé or curriculum vitae
- Ten pages of sample poems
- Supporting materials