

**THE NEW HAMPSHIRE YOUTH POET LAUREATE**  
**GUIDELINES, APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS, & NOMINATION FORM**

Postmark deadline for materials to be sent: June 30

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The NH Youth Poet Laureate (NHYPL) is an honorary one-year position held by a NH high school student who has shown a dedication to and excellence in writing, and who demonstrates the enthusiasm to share it with the public. The NHYPL serves as an ambassador who will heighten the visibility and value of poetry by and for young people in New Hampshire.

The NH Youth Poet Laureate selection is coordinated by the Poetry Society of NH, NH State Council on the Arts, and the New Hampshire Writers' Project, in collaboration with the NH Poet Laureate. The idea was first introduced by NH poet and teacher Andrew Fersch.

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The NH Youth Poet Laureate is an honorary, unpaid position. Each Youth Poet Laureate can serve a maximum of one term which will run from September 1 to August 31 each school year. The NHYPL will have an opportunity to release a chapbook of poems during his or her tenure.

To be eligible the student must be:

- A resident of the state of NH
- In 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade as of September of the year the position begins. The student may graduate before the appointment ends on August 31.

The NHYPL will be required to take part in at least four events, readings, or school visits during the year of their appointment. Events should focus on supporting and increasing opportunities for young people to read and write poetry. The NHYPL is an honorary, not a paid, position.

**KEY DATES:**

**Spring:** Call for Nominations

**June 30:** Postmark deadline to submit nomination

**August:** NHYPL selection is announced.

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## APPLICATION MATERIALS

**To apply for the next Youth Poet Laureate, submit 5 collated copies of the following materials, postmarked by June 30:**

- 1 page Vision Statement
  - What is your vision for the role of NHYPL if you are selected?
  - How you would fulfill this role?
- Recommendation letter from a teacher
- Recommendation letter from a peer
- 5 poems (up to 10 pages)
- Bio or resume
- Nomination form including signatures from both the nominee and a parent or guardian.
- Self-addressed, stamped postcard to acknowledge receipt of application (optional)

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Selection committee will consist of 5 or more representatives, including a representative from: Poetry Society of NH, The NH Writers' Project, NH State Council on the Arts, the NH Poet Laureate, the previous NH Youth Poet Laureate, and individuals from the community at large.

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**Submit application materials to:**

Poetry Society of New Hampshire c/o Jimmy Pappas, 68 Burnt Hill Rd., Chichester, NH 03258.

**All nomination forms must be postmarked on or by June 30. No Fedex or in-person deliveries accepted.**

e-mail for questions only (no submissions accepted by email): [psnhinfo@gmail.com](mailto:psnhinfo@gmail.com)

Thank you for your nomination.

We will announce the next New Hampshire Youth Poet Laureate in August.

**New Hampshire Youth Poet Laureate  
NOMINATION FORM**  
Please type or print clearly

**Nominator Information:**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to the nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please do not nominate anyone who does not wish to serve. All nominations must include Nominee's signature confirming willingness to serve along with Nominee's Statement/Vision.)

**Nominee Information:**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of high school attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in school on September 1 of this year \_\_\_\_\_

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*Nominator: I attest that the information in this nomination packet is truthful to the best of my knowledge:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Nominator**

*Nominee: If selected, I am willing to commit to the responsibility of being the NH Youth Poet Laureate as described above:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Nominee**

*Parent or Guardian: I am aware of and support that my child has been nominated for this honor:*

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**Signature of Parent or Guardian**