



Ouray County Poet Laureate Nomination Guidelines and Responsibilities

Nomination Guidelines

Ouray County is seeking candidates to serve as Ouray County Poet Laureate, an honorary position to promote the art of poetry and seek to raise local consciousness to a greater appreciation of the reading and writing of poetry. The two-year position was established by the Ouray County Board of County Commissioners via Resolution 2018-038.

Requirements

To be considered for the position, the applicant must reside in Ouray County, be at least 18 years of age and be available for public activities, as requested, throughout the term of service. An applicant may be self-nominated or nominated by others.

Selection

The Poet Laureate Selection Committee includes but is not limited to one member from the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild, Weehawken Creative Arts Program, Open Bard Poetry Series, Poetica, the Sherbino Board of Directors, and the Wright Opera House Board of Directors will facilitate the selection process and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for final designation. The laureate will be chosen by the criteria of: quality of work; distinguished achievement; perceived ability to advance poetry among the public; and an understanding of the public responsibility of the position.

Term

The Poet Laureate is an honorary two-year position without compensation.

The Poet Laureate may be requested to participate at public gatherings and educational settings throughout the term of service. The Laureate shall represent and celebrate the diversity and history of Ouray County throughout the term of service and may be asked to highlight the people, places, and traditions of Ouray County at various public events.

Nomination

Please submit a complete Nomination Packet. The items may be returned upon request.

1. Resume or biography
2. 3-5 Work samples
3. One-page statement describing the role of the Ouray County Poet Laureate and how the nominee would fulfill this role.

Deadline

Deadline is February 21, 2019 to either to the physical, mailing, or email addresses below.

Mail Nomination Packets to:

Mailing:

Ouray County Administration
P.O. Box C
Ouray, CO, 81427

Physical:

Ouray County Administrative Services Office
112 Village Square West, STE 220
Ridgway, CO 81432

Email:

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