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## APPLICATION FOR WETHERSFIELD POET LAUREATE

This is the application to be considered for Wethersfield's Poet Laureate.

Please answer the following questions and submit this form, with attachments, by May 1, 2026, to either [library@wethersfieldlibrary.org](mailto:library@wethersfieldlibrary.org), or mailed to, or dropped off in-person at Wethersfield Library, 515 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_
4. If selected as the Poet Laureate, I agree to submit to a background check that must pass to the satisfaction of the Town of Wethersfield:  Yes  No
5. I acknowledge that this is an unpaid voluntary role:  Yes  No
6. I am over the age of 18:  Yes  No
7. I am willing and able to commit to serving in this role for a term of 2 years:  
 Yes  No
8. I agree and am able to participate in the Old Wethersfield Book Walk on Saturday July 25, 2026:  
 Yes  No
9. In 150 words or less, explain how you have demonstrated a commitment to the Wethersfield community.
10. In 150 words or less, explain how you have demonstrated engagement with poetry during the past several years such as writing poetry, publishing poetry, or knowledgeable engagement with poetry.
11. Provide 2-3 samples of original, non-AI generated poems (no more than 3). One of the submitted poems must address the theme of "Summer in Wethersfield."

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

The selected Poet Laureate shall retain all copyrights to any poetry created during the tenure as Poet Laureate and agrees to grant the Town of Wethersfield a royalty-free, nonexclusive right, in perpetuity, to use the poetry in Town publications, including but not limited to: websites, social media, event flyers and other marketing and communication materials.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- Must be a current town resident
- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must pass a background check to the satisfaction of the Town of Wethersfield
- Must be available to participate in Old Wethersfield Book Walk on Saturday July 25, 2026
- Must be involved in the field of poetry as demonstrated by submitted samples of work and/or:
  - A history of publications in journals and/or books
  - Awards, honors, fellowships and/or recognitions
  - A history of activity in the local literary community through teachings, readings, publications, and/or public presentations
- Nominees may not be part of the Selection committee, Wethersfield Library employees or family members of Wethersfield Library employees, or Wethersfield Library Board members or family members of Wethersfield Library Board members

## **Duties & Expectations**

- Commit to a two-year term as Wethersfield's Poet Laureate.
- Be comfortable speaking in front of an audience and interacting with audiences.
- Work collaboratively with library staff and community partners on at least two events each year to encourage the writing, reading, and performance of poetry. Events may include but are not limited to public poetry readings, workshops, lectures, and/or presentations. Readings may include open mic performances, poetry slams, poetry reading events, radio or television appearances and participation at community organizations' events.
- Celebrate the Town of Wethersfield by composing poetry that speaks to, for, and of our town.