



**HUMANITIES
KANSAS**

A Movement of Ideas

Humanities Kansas Call for Applications Poet Laureate of Kansas™ for 2019-2021

Application Deadline: 5:00 PM Friday, February 8, 2019

Humanities Kansas is pleased to announce a Call for Applications for the 2019-2021 Poet Laureate of Kansas™. The Poet Laureate of Kansas is an honorary position designed to promote the reading and writing of poetry throughout the state. The Poet Laureate will join Humanities Kansas's [movement of ideas](#)—drawing people together, sparking conversations, and provoking fresh ideas. The new Poet Laureate of Kansas will conduct public readings, workshops, lectures, and/or presentations that serve the many diverse communities of Kansas. Presentations will explore the laureate's own work and the poetry of others.

Eligibility Requirements

In order to be considered, applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 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 2021)
- Available to travel statewide to meet audiences
- Applicant must be distinguished in the field of poetry demonstrated through a significant body of publicly accessible work (books, journals, literary magazines etc.)

Current HK board members or staff, past Poet Laureates, and undergraduate and graduate degree-seeking students are not eligible.

Position Responsibilities

The term of service of the Poet Laureate will be 2 years, beginning April 2019. The Poet Laureate is expected to:

- Contribute to the growth and awareness of poetry throughout the state
- Attend, participate, read, and/or perform works at a minimum of 10 public events per year in diverse locations across Kansas. The Poet Laureate will be listed in the HK Speakers Bureau catalog and made available to Kansas nonprofit organizations. Attending HK donor and fundraising events will also be required.
- Report on her/his work as Poet Laureate to Humanities Kansas
- Engage with the public through one or more popular social media platforms

Selection Process

In order to be considered, applicants must submit the following documents:

- Application Cover Sheet (provided)
- One-page statement that demonstrates your commitment to the public humanities and community engagement through poetry and that addresses the question: “How do I envision the Poet Laureate of Kansas as part of the movement of ideas?”
- Resume or CV (3 pages maximum)
- 10 original poems—published or unpublished
- Up to 3 supplemental materials (letters of support, video link to public performance etc.)

The Poet Laureate of Kansas Selection Committee will review all submitted applications and select semi-finalists. Each semi-finalist will present to an audience and answer questions following the presentation.

Applicants may submit a draft for HK feedback prior to final submission. HK understands that a draft is a work-in-progress. Drafts can be emailed as a PDF to Abigail Kaup at abigail@humanitieskansas.org

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Criteria

The Selection Committee will select a candidate who:

- Exhibits excellence determined by poetry samples
- Demonstrates a commitment to the public advancement of poetry in Kansas as evidenced by a history of activity through readings, presentations, blogs, poetry-centered media, and/or teaching in a public space not normally considered a classroom.
- Is committed to reaching a diverse Kansas audience

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 HK-sponsored event, either \$300 or \$500 depending on distance traveled, as funding allows. (The program is funded through private donations.)

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If you have questions or wish to discuss the application, contact Abigail Kaup at abigail@humanitieskansas.org or 785-357-0359.



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Send application materials in PDF form to abigail@humanitieskansas.org

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

Name of Applicant: _____

Street Address City State ZIP

Telephone Email Address

Are you 18 years or older?	Yes	No		
Have you been a Kansas resident since Jan. 1, 2016 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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<p>Application Checklist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Cover Sheet One-page statement Resume or curriculum vitae 10 original poems Supporting materials
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