



2023-2024 Pleasanton Teen Poet Laureate Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

High School: _____

Grade level in 2023-24 school year : Junior _____ Senior _____

List three people **other than close relatives**, their phone number and relationship to you so that we may contact them for references. Work, social and academic references are best.

1. Name _____
Phone _____
Relationship _____

2. Name _____
Phone _____
Relationship _____

3. Name _____
Phone _____
Relationship _____

- On a separate sheet of paper, please write and attach a short statement (about a half page) describing your reasons for applying for Teen Poet Laureate and the goals you would like to accomplish during your term. Also include an informal list of school activities and courses you plan to participate in during the school year.
- Attach a copy (do not send original) of either two poems you have authored, or one poem and an additional short written piece.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Drop off in-person or mail to:

Pleasanton Public Library
ATTENTION: Christopher Ota
400 Old Bernal Avenue
Pleasanton CA 94566

Or email a scanned Application Packet to:

Christopher Ota, Librarian
cota@cityofpleasantonca.gov

Interviews: Qualified applicants will be invited to interview for Teen Poet Laureate. Interviews will take place the week of April 17-21, 2023.

Questions: Christopher Ota, Librarian

Phone: (925) 931-3400 ext. 4427

E-mail: cota@cityofpleasantonca.gov



TEEN POET LAUREATE

The Teen Poet Laureate's role is to help foster an appreciation for composing, reading, reciting, and listening to poetry in and around the city.

The goal is also for the poet laureates to bring fun and creativity to various City of Pleasanton events during the year. Examples of past projects that a Teen Poet Laureate could pursue are:

- Poetry readings on a school campus
- Assisting teachers with poetry programs at their school sites
- Collaborating with each other and/or adult poets on poetry workshops
- Open mics
- Pop-up poetry at the Pleasanton Public Library
- Poems set to music by the High School Music Collaborative

ELIGIBILITY: Incoming high school juniors and seniors who enjoy writing, inspiring others, and are interested in contributing to their community are encouraged to apply.

TERM: 2023-2024 Academic Year

Community Service hours are given for this volunteer post.

DEADLINE: Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

APPLICATION: <https://bit.ly/pleasantonteenpoetlaureate2023>

Applicants will be asked to participate in a brief Zoom interview during the week of April 17-21, 2023.

CONTACT: Christopher Ota, cota@cityofpleasantonca.gov

