

## Youth Poet Laureate Job Description/Requirements

During their term, the Youth Poet Laureate is expected to:

- Attend the Board of Selectmen’s meeting when the North Haven Youth Poet Laureate is officially named
  - Read one piece of original poetry at the meeting
- Meet/check in with Teen Librarian monthly. (Email is acceptable for check-ins)
- Attend/write and read poetry for at least one, preferably two or more per year, local community events, including, but not limited to:
  - Inauguration
  - Memorial Day Parade
  - Library Summer Reading Fest
  - Greater New Haven Italian American Heritage Festival
  - Pride Flag Raising
  - School Events
  - Tree lighting
- Under the guidance of the Teen Librarian, the following is required once per year:
  - Visit an elementary or middle school classroom
    - Work with at least one class on a poetry-related project
  - Run a poetry contest for K-12 during the summer
- Complete 10 hours per year on poetry-related projects.
  - Minimum requirements:
    - Attend at least one Connecticut Poets Laureate meeting or workshop per year.
    - Apply for Connecticut Poet Laureate OR submit at least one poem for publication to a recognized Poetry publisher.
  - Other:
    - Work with North Haven Poet Laureate for mentoring
    - Plan a library program
    - Attend Library’s Teen Advisory Board meeting
    - Read a poem on your school’s morning announcements
    - Publish original work in school newspaper
    - Have fun getting the word out about poetry (Teen Librarian approval required)

The Youth Poet Laureate will earn community service hours for time attending any poetry-related meeting or event facilitated by the library.

Progress throughout will be documented with the Teen Librarian. At the end of each year, the Teen Librarian will confirm that requirements are being met.

Any requests from outside groups for the Youth Poet Laureate to attend events must go through the Teen Librarian.

By signing, I agree that I have read the above requirements and can commit to the required duties of the Youth Poet Laureate of the North Haven Memorial Library, if I am accepted.

Applicant’s name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_