

THE CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM @ NCA&T
and THE BLUFORD LIBRARY



host a competition for the selection
of A&T's Aggie Poet Laureate: A Consultant in Poetry

What is a Poet Laureate?

A poet laureate could be thought of as an ambassador of poetry, raising the consciousness of the community to poetry and its value both written and spoken. During the tenure, the Aggie Poet Laureate will write poems for special occasions such as graduation, give public readings, and initiate projects to help promote poetry awareness and literacy. The poet laureate will serve a term of one year.

The United States has a poet laureate, as do many states.

The candidates will undergo a rigorous vetting process as determined by the Aggie Poet Laureate Selection Committee. The committee will be comprised of professional writers and library staff.

Criteria:

- Any A&T student in good academic standing is eligible to apply and serve, regardless of major.
- Candidate must have at minimum a 3.0 GPA.
- All submissions, which include an application and writing sample, will be submitted in electronic format using Microsoft Word in .docx or .rtf format (only), do not add any security settings.
- All samples must be typed using, no more than a 12 point font, and Times New Roman.
- All submissions must be received by the submission deadline (March 15,) to be considered.
- Submissions may be mailed March 1 – 15 at arahmad@ncat.edu. Please place in the subject line:
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Each year in April, which is National Poetry Month, a new poet laureate will begin serving a one-year term. The winner will be announced during the annual “a&t CREATE” literary festival. In 2017, the new Aggie Poet Laureate will be announced and presented DURING The “A&T CREATE” Literary Festival in april.

For questions: Contact Dr. Anjail Ahmad, arahmad@ncat.edu)

APPLICATION FOR THE Aggie POET LAUREATE

Name of Applicant:

- Year of study –rank/ major:
- Age: (Indicate with double XX)

__18 – 24; __25 – __35; __36- 45; __46 and above

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Two letters of recommendation with contact information included:

- A resume no more than two pages:
- Include the outreach project you would propose to perform during your one-year term (250 word limit):
- Include an artist statement no more than 250 words:
- Include a brief biography of no more than 250 words;
- Include a writing sample (10 pages of poetry with one poem per page, typed, single spaced;
- Do not place your name on any of the poems. Instead, include a cover page with your name, mailing address, e-mail address and phone, and the names of your poems.

(The Aggie Poet Laureate Committee reserves the right to withhold a decision

in the event that submitted work does not rise up to standards.)