

Mayor Erin Stewart and the New Britain Commission on the Arts present a
Call for Nominations for the New Britain Poet Laureate

Qualifications

- As an official representative of New Britain and of the City's literary community, the Poet Laureate must be a resident of New Britain and remain a resident for the duration of his or her appointment.
- Nominees must be at least 18 years old at the time of appointment.
- The Poet Laureate must have a strong desire to be actively engaged in the community by performing his or her work and/or sharing his or her work with the public.

Opportunities for the Poet Laureate

- A term of two years with the possibility of renewal
- A reception in his or her honor
- Promote awareness of poetry in New Britain by being present at events in and around the City as an official representative of the City
- Represent New Britain at State events
- Participate in events as suggested by the Laureate him or herself or as requested by the Mayor or the Commission on the Arts
- Engagement with the local literary community in an official capacity
- Establish relationships with schools and students ranging from elementary school to college
- Mentor emerging poets
- In general, cultivate poetry within the city
- Post new work to the New Britain Poet Laureate Facebook page
- Be a part of the Connecticut Coalition of Poets Laureate as New Britain's official representative
- Come up with his or her own ideas/initiatives for the position
- Meet quarterly with the Arts Commission to provide an update on outreach

Process

To be considered for the position of New Britain's Poet Laureate, please provide the information requested below as attachments (Word, PDF, Jpeg) to an email to dhuck@newbritainct.gov. The deadline for submissions is **Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018**

- A resume or cv
- A selection of examples of works published in print or online
- An expression of intent including specific availability for fulfilling the role
- Contact information for three personal references

Procedure

The New Britain Commission on the Arts will review all the nominations and interview the most promising candidates. The interviews will include a reading/performance of the nominee's poetry and their articulation of their vision for the position. Following the interviews, the Commission on the Arts will formally request the appointment of the candidate by the Mayor and the New Britain Common Council. It is expected that the Poet Laureate will be appointed by April 2018.