

**HOWARD COUNTY YOUTH POET LAUREATE
RECOMMENDATION FORM**

DUE: 04/30/2026

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED IN ADVANCE BY YOUTH APPLICANT

Applicant Name:

Email:

APPLICANT: Give this form to a teacher, advisor, or other adult (non-family member) who knows you and can speak to your community involvement and/or school activities related to the arts, your engagement in writing poetry, and/or the power of your poetry.

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ADULT REFERENCE

Reference Name:

Email:

TEACHER/ARTIST/OTHER ADULT: Please return this form in a sealed envelope with your signature over the seal by 04/30/2026 . Recommendations will be held in confidence by all members of the Youth Poet Laureate Review Committee and program administrators. This recommendation will not be returned to the applicant.

1. Please provide a candid evaluation of the applicant's community involvement and/or school activities related to the arts, their engagement in writing poetry, and/or the power of their poetry. In addition, please evaluate the applicant's potential to serve as Howard County's Youth Poet Laureate, a role that asks the appointee to serve as ambassador for literacy, poetry, and youth expression, including participation in civic events reading and speaking before public audiences. (750 words or less).

2. Please rate the applicant in the following areas by checking the appropriate response:

Has exhibited a commitment to the study, practice, and writing of poetry.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Moderately Agree ☐ Somewhat Agree ☐ Disagree

Potential to serve as Howard County's Youth Poet Laureate.

☐ Great Potential ☐ Moderate Potential ☐ Limited Potential ☐ No Potential

Thank you. Please return the form by 04/30/2026 to:

Howard County Arts Council
Attention: Youth Poet Laureate
8360 Court Avenue
Ellicott City, MD 21043

If you have any questions, or need further information contact: Dana Whipkey, Grants and Special Projects Coordinator at 410.313.ARTS(2787) or grantsandprojects@hocoarts.org