



## MONTANA'S POET LAUREATE NOMINATION 2025-2027

The Montana Poet Laureate program recognizes and honors a citizen poet of exceptional talent and accomplishment. The Poet Laureate encourages appreciation of poetry and literary life in Montana. This position was created by the state legislature in 2005.

The Poet Laureate is chosen on the basis of three criteria:

- Artistic excellence and achievement
- Ongoing contributions to the cultural community
- Worthiness of statewide recognition

To be eligible, the poet must currently reside in Montana, and either have been a resident for at least three years, or be able to demonstrate a deep connection to Montana. Montana Arts Council members, staff, or their immediate family or household are not eligible.

The Montana Arts Council will be accepting nominations until **Monday, June 30, 2025** at 11:59 pm MDT. Following your nomination, the poet will have the opportunity to accept or decline consideration. The Montana Arts Council will present three recommendations to the Governor, as outlined in Montana Code Annotated 2-15-242.

Poet's full name:

Poet's email

Poet's phone #

Poet's website

Poet's town, county or reservation of residence:

Nominator's full name

Nominator's email

Nominator's phone #

1. Please submit **three to five** of your favorite poems by the author in a single document. (PDF or Word.) You may upload them here or email them to [mac@mt.gov](mailto:mac@mt.gov). If you choose to email them, please tell us here:
2. What makes these poems remarkable to you? What do you like about them?
3. Please submit a short bio of the poet:
4. The next Montana Poet Laureate will be selected based on their artistic excellence, cultural contributions, and worthiness of statewide recognition. Why do you think this poet is deserving of being Montana Poet Laureate?
5. Each Poet Laureate fulfills the position in a different way. Please tell us—in the poet's words—what they propose to do as poet laureate during their two-year term.
6. You may submit 1-3 letters of support, combined into a single document (not required).
7. You may list here any links to audio or visual samples of the poet reading their own works (not required).