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### **URBANA POET LAUREATE DEADLINE EXTENDED**

The City of Urbana Arts & Culture Program is seeking applications for the next Urbana Poet Laureate. The deadline for applications has been extended to December 4, 2022 at 5 p.m.

The City of Urbana's Poet Laureate Program celebrates poetry by recognizing a resident poet who makes meaningful connections, honors and serves our diverse community, and elevates the importance of the creative writing art form through sharing their work with Urbana residents. The Poet laureate acts as an advocate for poetry, language, and the arts. They create a unique artistic legacy through public readings and civic events.

The Poet Laureate serves a one-year term, with support from Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin, the Urbana Arts and Culture Program, and the City of Urbana. The selected Poet Laureate will receive a \$2,000 award and will spearhead a project or event, as well as host an annual poetry showcase, in collaboration with the Urbana Arts & Culture Program.

Interested applications should visit the city's website for additional guidelines and application at this link: <https://urbanaininois.us/poet>.

*For more information about the City of Urbana, please visit [www.urbanaininois.us](http://www.urbanaininois.us).*

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