



Pikes Peak Poet Laureate Project Background and Poet Laureate Appearance Policy

The Pikes Peak Poet Laureate Project (PPPLP) serves El Paso and Teller counties through a consortium of five nonprofit presenters: Pikes Peak Library District, Colorado College, UCCS, the Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region and Poetry West. The project aims to bring the designated Poet Laureate into nontraditional community settings to inspire and celebrate poetry. The Poet Laureate is committed to appearances at six to 10 events per year, as selected and funded by the PPPLP committee. The committee ensures that the poet will reach a diverse range of sectors to include youth, business, government, seniors as well as underserved populations. The committee also ensures geographic diversity of the Poet Laureate's appearances. Due to this desire to reach broad and diverse segments of the community, the committee has pre-selected several of the poet's appearances. However, the committee will always consider applications for the poet's appearance/reading at events.

If an application for the Poet Laureate's appearance is not selected as one of the Poet Laureate's pre-funded commitments, the applicant may still seek to book the poet for a small stipend (based upon the poet's personal availability and schedule). Stipends for short appearances of 15 minutes or less will range from \$50 to \$100; stipends for longer commitments involving workshops, extended readings, ticketed events, etc. will be negotiated between the poet and the applicant organization. Please note that for all events involving a meal such as a luncheon, the host organization is expected to include the Poet Laureate in a meal and seating if he/she desires. Please note that the Poet Laureate has a full-time job and family commitments; the PPPLP committee and the poet will make every attempt to participate in a wide variety of events as time permits. Also, if the Poet Laureate is not available in person, the PPPLP committee may be able to provide other experienced local poets, especially for school programs. The Poet Laureate and the committee are in the process of identifying such poets and will be able to make available information about these poets and the types of events best-matched to their talents. This is consistent with a major goal of the project, which is to connect all poets with the community.

To inquire about booking the Poet Laureate for your event, please fill out the application on the following page and return via email to info@coppercolo.org. We will make every attempt to notify you within two weeks of the outcome of your application. This form helps to ensure that the poet shows up in a timely manner and provides material appropriate for your event, so please be as complete in your answers as possible. For questions regarding this application or process, email info@coppercolo.org or call 634-2204.