

6th Annual Riverside County

TEEN POET Laureate

Are you a teen or young adult with something to say? We want to hear your voice!

The Riverside County Teen Poet Laureate Competition invites teens and young adults to share their voices, creativity, and mastery of poetry.

2026 Submission Window:

Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. – Monday, September 21, 2026, at Midnight.

Submission Link: <https://forms.gle/qsEoM36wHvgVadCg9>



GUIDELINES:

- Multiple poems may be submitted in any style or form but may not exceed a total of ten pages per author.
- Poems must be the original creative work of the poet. Plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification from this and all future Teen Poet Laureate opportunities.
- Single or double spaced, 12 pt Times New Roman preferred unless the poem's form dictates the format (example: blackout poetry, erasures, visual poetry, and the like).
- Poems must be appropriate for audiences of all ages and may not include gratuitous violent or sexual content, hate speech, or slander.

FINALISTS

The top finalists will be asked to submit a one-minute video of themselves reading a portion of their selected poem chosen by the panel of judges.

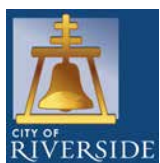
All winners, finalists and honorable mentions will have their selected poetry published in a limited-edition commemorative chapbook.

Selected entries may also be published in the All-Teen issue of *Inlandia: A Literary Journey*, the online literary journal of Inlandia Institute.

This program is a partnership between Riverside County Office of Education and Inlandia Institute with program support from Riverside County Library System and the City of Riverside.

Poetry will be judged by a diverse panel of professional, published poets.

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