

FHSU Poet Laureate

>>>> call for applicants and application requirements <<<<

We are announcing the call for applicants for this new student, experiential learning position. Applications are accepted through the month of March until April 03, 2023.

FHSU's next Poet Laureate will begin in August 2023, promoting an understanding for, and appreciation of, poetry and its place in our lives. The chosen poet will, in consultation with the FHSU Poet Laureate Mentor, develop an outreach plan to share poetry in real time with other students, the university community, and regional citizens during a two-semester program of activities that may include public readings, community or campus events, and publishing opportunities. The Poet Laureate's poems will be tweeted from the @FHSUPoet official account.

Full-time, FHSU undergraduate students from any major are eligible to apply for the FHSU Poet Laureate position. The FHSU Poet Laureate will earn a \$500 stipend upon successful completion of duties.

Are you a poet who wants to share your affinity for poetry? If so, by Monday, April 3, send an email to mcchalfant@fhsu.edu that includes the following information:

- 1. Your Name**
- 2. Year of study**
- 3. Majors, minors, or certificates**

Attach the following documents to your brief email:

- **5 original poems,**
- **2 letters of recommendation (one must be from outside your major field of study),**
- **1 personal statement of intent identifying your interests, work experience, and project ideas/goals you would pursue if selected the FHSU Poet Laureate.**

Outreach program ideas and goals will be finalized in consultation with the FHSU Poet Laureate Mentor but may include poetry readings, library and/or school presentations, community events, or other creative ideas to promote poetry and the spoken word. All planned outreach activities will comply with current community Covid-19 policies for safety.

Fort Hays State University does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, religion, national origin, color, age, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, disability or veteran status and encourages students belonging to any under-represented group to apply.

Applications will be screened and candidates identified for interviews by mid-April 2023, with the goal of announcing the new FHSU Poet Laureate by May 1. In August 2023, FHSU's next Poet Laureate will begin working with the Poet Laureate Mentor, Mr. Morgan Chalfant, to schedule readings and other projects set in real time with groups of people. This position requires a one-year commitment but, with the support of the Selection Committee and the Poet Laureate Mentor, may be renewed until graduation.

Contact Morgan Chalfant (mcchalfant@fhsu.edu) or Linda Smith (lsmith@fhsu.edu) with any questions about the FHSU Poet Laureate.

*** Applications for FHSU Poet Laureate should be emailed to mcchalfant@fhsu.edu ***