

NOMINATION PACKAGE

Call for Nomination For the Position of Canada's Parliamentary Poet Laureate

Eligibility

- In order to give equal representation to Canada's two official languages, Poets Laureate are selected alternately from each official language's literary communities. A poet who writes predominantly in French will be selected for the 2023-2024 term.
- Candidates must be residents of Canada.

Criteria for selection

Candidates must:

- have made significant contributions to the literary community
- have a substantial record demonstrating literary excellence
- be available to travel throughout Canada to promote the value of poetry
- be available to participate in parliamentary events, as required

Process for nomination

Nominations for the position can be submitted by a member of a literary or writing organization, a Parliamentarian or directly by interested candidates.

The nominator must inform the nominee of the submission.

Submission

Incomplete submissions and unsolicited attachments will not be considered.

Poet Laureate Selection Committee
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If you have questions, please call
(613) 992-4793 or 1-866-599-4999 or e-mail info@parl.gc.ca

Nomination Form

You may use the online form to fill-in the required information, but the form **must** be printed and sent by mail along with supporting documentation.

Nominee's Personal Information	
<i>Full name</i>	
<i>Language preference</i>	
English	French
<i>Home address</i>	
Street:	
City:	
Province/Territory:	
Postal Code:	
Tel.:	
E-mail:	

Nominator's Personal Information (if applicable)	
<i>Full name</i>	
<i>Language preference</i>	
English	French
<i>Title</i>	
<i>Organization</i>	
<i>Address</i>	
Street:	
City:	
Province/Territory:	
Postal Code:	
Tel.:	
E-mail:	

Supporting Documentation

Please print this page and include it with the nomination form.

The quality of the accompanying supporting documentation, including letters of support, is vitally important to the nomination. Nomination packages must include the materials listed below in the following order:

this completed supporting documentation form;

a completed nomination form;

a letter of nomination;

a brief description (up to 250 words) of the nominee's **significant** contributions to the literary community and why they should be considered an outstanding nominee (this may be part of the nominator's letter);

a brief description (up to 250 words) of how the nominee has influenced other literary artists (this may be part of the nominator's letter);

a one-page biography of the nominee, summarizing education, significant achievements, current professional activities, any honours or awards received and a copy of the nominee's current bibliography; **OR** a copy of the nominee's current curriculum vitae, including the above-noted information;

two letters from colleagues in the literary field supporting the nomination;

five copies of one of the nominee's published books or other publications and/or five audio or video copies of a work in the oral tradition. Nominators are encouraged to flag particular poems or passages that they would like to highlight

a letter from the nominee confirming that they are willing to stand for nomination; take on the role of ambassador for literature; travel throughout Canada promoting literature; participate in Parliamentary events; and outlining what they would like to bring to the position in terms of public outreach or specific activities.

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