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APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR 2014-16 WASHINGTON STATE POET LAUREATE

SUBMISSIONS DUE NOVEMBER 8

STATEWIDE – Humanities Washington and the Washington State Arts Commission, or ArtsWA, are now accepting applications for the next Washington State Poet Laureate. The poet laureate helps build awareness and appreciation of poetry — including Washington’s rich legacy of poetry — through public readings, workshops, and other activities in communities throughout the state. The next laureate, the state’s third since the program was created in 2007, will serve from Feb. 1, 2014 to Jan. 31, 2016.

Selection of the Washington State Poet Laureate is governed by state regulation. To be considered, applicants must meet [all eligibility criteria](#) and submit an application online at www.humanities.org/programs/washington-state-poet-laureate/washington-state-poet-laureate-2014-16. **Applications must be submitted electronically by 5 p.m. on Friday, November 8.** A review panel will select the final candidate and forward their recommendation to Gov. Jay Inslee for confirmation by the end of the year.

The Washington State Poet Laureate is a working position, and applicants will be asked to propose activities they would hope to accomplish during their tenure. The poet laureate will receive a stipend of approximately \$13,000 per year, to cover expenses and program costs.

ABOUT THE WASHINGTON STATE POET LAUREATE

The Washington State Poet Laureate uses poetry as a tool to engage people in cross-cultural and community-wide exchange of ideas, stories and culture.

The program is sponsored by [Humanities Washington](#) and [ArtsWA](#) and funded by the [National Endowment for the Arts](#) and Humanities Washington. In April 2007, the Washington State Legislature passed a bill that recognized the value of poetry to the culture and heritage of the state by establishing the Washington State Poet Laureate. Kathleen Flenniken is the current

Washington State Poet Laureate, serving January 2012 to January 2014. More about the activities of the current Washington State Poet Laureate can be found on the [Humanities Washington website](#).

ABOUT HUMANITIES WASHINGTON

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ABOUT ARTSWA

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