

The NC A&T Creative Writing Program

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The Bluford Library

Aggie Poet Laureate



Competition

Fall 2025-Spring 2026

What is a Poet Laureate?

A poet laureate could be thought of as an ambassador of poetry, raising the consciousness of the community to poetry and its value both written and spoken. During the tenure, the Aggie Poet Laureate will write poems for special occasions such as graduation, give public readings, and initiate projects to help promote poetry awareness and literacy. The poet laureate will serve a term of one year. The United States has a poet laureate, as do many states. The candidates will undergo a rigorous vetting process as determined by the Aggie Poet Laureate Selection Committee. The committee will be comprised of professional writers and library staff. Criteria:

- Any A&T student in good academic standing is eligible to apply and serve, regardless of major.
- All applications must include a writing sample and performance sample.
- All submissions must be received by **Tuesday, April 22, 2025** to be considered.
- Email submissions to Liane Freshwater at lwfreshwater@ncat.edu and write APL app in the subject line.

The new Aggie Poet Laureate will be announced **Friday, May 2, 2025**, and will serve a one-year term. The APL will have various duties with the English department, the university, and the community of Greensboro. For questions, contact Professor Yolanda Williams (ywillians1@ncat.edu).

Application for the Aggie Poet Laureate

Applicant Name:

Major:

Classification:

Mailing Address:

Phone #:

Email:

Application Checklist:

- A resume no more than two pages
- A brief biography of no more than 250 words
- Four (4) Poems
 - one poem per page
 - Typed, 12-point, Times New Roman Font
 - Single spaced
- Two (2) Videos of Poetry Performances (preferably poems submitted in your writing sample)
 - Please include hyperlinks to performances
 - We suggest you upload videos to YouTube and create a shareable link. You can make the videos private to preserve privacy.
 - Do not send individual video attachments

The Aggie Poet Laureate Committee reserves the right to withhold a decision in the event that submitted work does not meet committee standards.