

PIEDMONT



LAUREATE

2010 NOVELIST

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Alamance County Arts Council, City of Raleigh Arts Commission, Durham Arts Council, Johnston County Arts Council, Orange County Arts Commission and United Arts Council of Raleigh & Wake County announce the call for applications for the position of Piedmont Laureate. **For 2010, applications will be accepted only from novelists.**

### MISSION

The Piedmont Laureate program has, as its primary goal: *“to promote awareness and heighten appreciation for excellence in the literary arts throughout the Piedmont region.”* The program is dedicated to building a literary bridge for residents to come together and celebrate the art of writing, enriching the lives of all our citizens. For more information about the program, please visit [www.piedmontlaureate.com](http://www.piedmontlaureate.com).

### PROGRAM GOALS

The Piedmont Laureate is appointed for one year and offers the following activities in Alamance, Durham, Johnston, Orange, and Wake counties:

- ❖ Present readings at designated public sites (libraries, arts centers, schools, universities, and other community gathering places);
- ❖ Encourage creative writing for all age groups (by offering workshops or other types of outreach);
- ❖ Promote literature at select public events;
- ❖ Bring attention to literature in less traditional settings; and
- ❖ Propose original activities to expand application of the literary arts.

### SELECTION PROCESS

The Piedmont Laureate will be selected by a committee appointed by the sponsoring agencies. Each year the program is open to writers creating work in a particular selected genre (poetry, novels, plays, etc.). The 2010 application process will be open to all novelists residing in Alamance, Durham, Johnston, Orange or Wake counties who meet the guideline criteria. Upon review of all applications, the finalist(s) will be invited to meet with the committee. Announcement of the candidate selected will be made in November 2009, and the Piedmont Laureate appointment will run January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010.

### LAUREATE PROFILE

The Piedmont Laureate must be 18 years of age or older and have been a resident of Alamance, Durham, Johnston, Orange or Wake counties for at least one year. Candidates should plan on maintaining residency in one of these counties for the duration of their appointment as Laureate.

#### *Candidates will demonstrate:*

- ❖ Exemplary writing skill;
- ❖ Significant body of published (or produced) work (self-publications excluded);
- ❖ Comfort with public presentation and interaction; and
- ❖ Availability and willingness to travel in Alamance, Durham, Johnston, Orange and Wake counties for scheduled readings, workshops, and other public events.

## RECOGNITION

The Piedmont Laureate will receive an honorarium of \$7,000 (distributed in two payments). Additionally, the Laureate will be recognized at various area events and receive media coverage related to the Laureate program.

## EXPECTATIONS

Specific outreach activities for the 2010 Piedmont Laureate, planned in conjunction with the sponsoring agencies, will reflect the program's stated goals, including:

- Public readings, participation at select public functions and other creative writing activities (not to exceed 30);
- Media appearances (not to exceed 10); and
- Proposal of at least one (1) original activity to expand appreciation of literature.

Additionally, the Piedmont Laureate will be encouraged to offer suggestions for future projects that will inspire public engagement and support of the literary arts.

## APPLICATION

**Twelve (12) copies of the following material must be received by the deadline date of September 18, 2009:**

- Completed application form;
- Letter of interest (1-2 pages) detailing how you would contribute as Piedmont Laureate based on the position description and the goals of the program;
- Work samples comprised of the first two chapters from a completed novel. Work must be submitted in 12-point type on 8 ½ x 11 paper, single-sided. (Please do not send actual publications.) The author's name and title of the novel must appear on each page. Work submitted must have been completed in the last eight years;
- One page synopsis of novel;
- Resume not to exceed three (3) pages, with an emphasis on literary achievements;
- Two (2) letters of support; and
- Authors may submit (optional) up to two (2) printed critical reviews of work.

*No materials will be returned and the selection committee reserves the right to ask for additional information as needed.*

## SPONSORS



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## Application Form for Novelists

(Form may be completed by pen, if handwriting is legible.)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS (No P.O. Boxes) \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE:  Alamance  Durham  Johnston  Orange  Wake

PHONE (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_

### TITLE OF NOVEL WORK SAMPLE

(Please also list where work has appeared in print and date(s) of publication, if available.)

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I certify that I am the sole author of the novel submitted, and that I have been a resident of Alamance, Durham, Johnston, Orange or Wake County for at least one year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Submission checklist (12 copies of each):

- Completed application form
- Work sample
- Letter of interest
- Resume
- Novel synopsis
- Letters of support
- Critical reviews (optional)

### INCOMPLETE AND/OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.

Please refer to the program description and guidelines for additional information. Completed application packets are due **September 18, 2009 by 4:00 p.m.** Questions? Call 919.996.3610, email [Belva.parker@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Belva.parker@ci.raleigh.nc.us) or visit [www.piedmontlaureate.com](http://www.piedmontlaureate.com).

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