

**Please note:** Per the Academy of American Poets’ guidelines for the 2026 Poets Laureate Fellowships, your project budget should not exceed \$15,000. The remainder of your fellowship award is intended to cover your time working on your project and to support your own artistic practice. In 2026, the total fellowship award is \$50,000.

The sample budgets provided below are merely intended as a reference to assist with completing your application. These samples do not represent the true costs of materials and services, nor do they represent the components for a successful project. Your budget will be assessed in conjunction with your overall application, including your project proposal, recommendations, CV, and body of work.

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**Sample Budget #1: Poetry Workshops for Youth**

| <b>Description</b>   | <b>Amount</b>   |
|--|-----------------|
| Honorarium for Teaching Artists (3 teaching artists at \$2,000 each)     | \$6,000         |
| Honorarium for graphic designer  | \$1,000         |
| Workshop materials (e.g., notebooks, pens, markers)                      | \$700           |
| Poetry books   | \$750           |
| Snacks and refreshments for workshop TAs and participants                | \$1,500         |
| Photographer fee   | \$1,500         |
| Videographer fee   | \$2,000         |
| Web hosting and domain   | \$400           |
| Printing   | \$400           |
| Donated venue rental (in-kind value: \$1,000)                            | \$0             |
| Donated marketing and communications assistance (in-kind value: \$7,500) | \$0             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$14,250</b> |

**Sample Budget #2: Web-Based Poetry Archive Project**

| <b>Description</b>   | <b>Amount</b>   |
|--|-----------------|
| Web hosting and domain   | \$1,000         |
| Honorarium for graphic designer  | \$1,500         |
| Stipend for assistant (working 3 hours a week at \$25 an hour)                     | \$5,000         |
| Copyright and permissions  | \$2,500         |
| Venue rental for launch event and reading, including production and security staff | \$1,500         |
| Honoraria for poets performing at launch event and reading (\$200 per poet)        | \$2,000         |
| Catering for launch event and reading  | \$1,500         |
| Donated services by web developer (in-kind value: \$4,000)                         | \$0             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$15,000</b> |

**Sample Budget #3: City-Wide Poetry Festival**

| <b>Description</b>   | <b>Amount</b>   |
|--|-----------------|
| Honorarium for featured poets (\$500 per poet)   | \$7,000         |
| Honorarium for graphic designer  | \$1,000         |
| Photographer fee   | \$1,000         |
| Videographer fee   | \$1,500         |
| Web hosting and domain   | \$1,000         |
| Printing   | \$1,000         |
| Postage  | \$500           |
| Beverages and light snacks for volunteers  | \$1,000         |
| Materials for volunteers (e.g., lanyards, clipboards, and pens)                        | \$500           |
| Donated t-shirt printing services (in-kind value: \$4,000)                             | \$0             |
| Donated venue rental, including production and security staff (in-kind value: \$6,000) | \$0             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$14,500</b> |