



## City of Hartford Storyteller Application Guidelines

The Storyteller for the City of Hartford acts as a representative for the City, its residents, and the value we place on our City's past, present, and future narratives.

### *Eligibility and Criteria*

#### Eligibility

A nominee for Storyteller must:

- Be a current resident of the City of Hartford
- Be at least 18 years old
- Have been published, shown artwork, or performed in at least one professionally or regionally-recognized publication/venue
- Be available to serve a 3-year term

#### Criteria to Select the Storyteller

Certain criteria will be given consideration in the selection process, including:

- Excellence as evidenced by the submitted work samples
- Professionalism as evidenced by an established history of performances, publications, honors, awards, fellowships, and/or other recognition such as contributions to community culture
- Demonstrated advancement of storytelling in the community as well as other forms of commitment to community involvement

To maintain the position as Storyteller for the City of Hartford, the nominee must reside in the City for the length of their term and must not misrepresent or abuse the position.

### *Duties of the Storyteller*

The responsibilities of the Storyteller include, but are not limited to:

- Providing public performances and/or readings
- Appearing at public events
- Encouraging the appreciation of and participation in storytelling within the City
- Writing or presenting in other forms, 1 – 3 stories for the City each year

The Storyteller promotes awareness and appreciation of real-life stories of Hartford's history, people, traditions, politics, the arts and all that have and continue to shape the City of Hartford; works with the Hartford Public Library and local schools to promote learning of Hartford's history, climate and uniqueness and endeavors to instill pride in the community.

### *Selection Process*

A Selection Committee reviews all applicants and submits three finalists to the Commission on Cultural Affairs. The Commission then selects one finalist and recommends them to the Mayor for approval. The Mayor gives their recommendation to the Court of Common Council, who approves the selection through majority vote.

Applicants may be contacted by the Committee for further interview, references, or material. Applications are not carried over for future years. Prior applicants must re-apply for consideration. An applicant cannot be a member of the Commission on Cultural Affairs or the Committee to select the Storyteller.

#### *To Apply, Please Submit the Following:*

- An application form
- A letter of interest
- A current resume or CV, including significant achievements and awards
- At least 2, and a maximum of 5, exemplary samples of the applicant's work, with citation of the source of publication or location of venue when applicable
- Three recent references from professional, academic, and/or community settings



## City of Hartford Storyteller Application Form

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Hartford must be your primary residence

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### Checklist for Attached Materials:

- Letter of interest
  - Current resume or CV, including significant achievements and awards
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