



Poetry Out Loud 2018-19: School Participation Form

Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation competition for high school students. By encouraging youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and performance, students can master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage. Read more about Michigan's program at michiganhumanities.org/poetry-out-loud/.

Registration

Please complete and submit this application (or the online form available in late August at michiganhumanities.org/poetry-out-loud/) by **December 7, 2018**, to participate in Poetry Out Loud. This is a free program.

Applications can be emailed to Program Officer Katie Wittenauer (kwittenauer@mhumanities.org), mailed to the address below, or submitted via online form.

*Attention: Katie Wittenauer
Michigan Humanities Council
119 Pere Marquette Dr., Suite 3B
Lansing, MI 48912*

Please direct all eligibility and program questions to Katie Wittenauer via phone (517-372-7770) or email (kwittenauer@mhumanities.org).

Notification

Schools will receive official notification within one week of completing the registration process. Program resources will be distributed on a rolling basis.

Multiple Classrooms


Multiple classrooms are encouraged to participate at each school. Schools must identify a lead teacher, who will complete this application. Submit one application per school.



Eligibility

All Michigan high schools are eligible to participate. Homeschooled students may participate by competing in a contest at a local school (at the school's discretion) or with other local homeschooled students. Student eligibility is detailed in the teacher's guide.

Social Media

Get updates, post questions, and share your photos via the Michigan Humanities Council (MHC) accounts below and with #MIHumanities, #MIPoetryOutLoud, and #IamPoetryOutLoud.

 facebook.com/MichiganHumanitiesCouncil
facebook.com/MichiganPoetryOutLoud

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School Name

Lead Teacher Name

School Street Address

Lead Teacher Subject Area

City Zip

Lead Teacher Email (primary method of contact)

School District County

Lead Teacher Work Phone Lead Teacher Cell Phone

Please read and complete both sides.

Approximate number of hours you expect to teach poetry in class

Approximate dates you expect to teach poetry in class

Approximate date you expect to hold the school competition

of Participating Teachers

of Participating Classes

Names of participating teachers **and** number of participating students by class:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Total number of participating students: _____

Signature of Lead Teacher (digital signature accepted)

Date

School Partner Expectations

- Incorporate poetry recitation into curriculum (at teacher's discretion) during fall/winter 2018-19
- Hold classroom and school competitions to determine school champion
- Ensure school champion will attend state and national championships (if selected)
- Provide school champion's information to MHC by deadline of **Feb. 1, 2019**
- Be prepared to report expenses, dates (teaching and competitions), and attendance numbers
- **NOTE:** Before reimbursements can be distributed following the statewide competition, school surveys must be sent to MHC
- Full contest rules are available in the POL teacher's guide. Hard copies are provided to participating teachers and available online at poetryoutloud.org/teaching-resources.

Michigan Humanities Council Commitment

- Provide a POL teacher's guide to each participating teacher
- Provide a fuel stipend (for students, parent(s), and teachers traveling 100 or more miles round trip) and lodging costs for the student, parent(s), and teacher traveling to the state finals event (reimbursement for one night at the event hotel for up to two rooms per school)
- Provide State Champion with the Poetry Out Loud traveling trophy, to be kept at their school for one year. She/he will also receive a minimum award of \$200 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to compete for a \$20,000 scholarship at the national competition.
- Provide poetry programming opportunities and offer POL support via MHC and Program Officer Katie Wittenauer
- Feb. 1, 2019: Deadline to submit name of school champion to MHC
- March 1 - 2, 2019: Michigan Poetry Out Loud State Finals at Crowne Plaza Lansing
- April 29 - May 1, 2019: National Finals in D.C.

2018-19 Schedule

- Sept. 2018 - Jan. 2019: Schools incorporate Poetry Out Loud into curriculum and hold competitions
- Dec. 7, 2018: Application deadline for schools

Poetry Out Loud is a partnership of Michigan Humanities Council, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Poetry Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.