



POETRY OUT LOUD

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation have partnered with the California Arts Council to support **2020 Poetry Out Loud**, a FREE high school program which encourages the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. This dynamic program helps high school students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, learn about their literary heritage, and compete for more than \$100,000 in awards.



HOW TO GET MY STUDENTS INVOLVED

In order to compete, schools must register through the state contact listed below. All materials and resources will be provided. Competitions will begin in fall 2019 at the school or classroom level to identify one student winner to represent their school at the regional or state finals. The state finals competition will be held on March 15 & 16, 2020, to determine the state winner representing California at the National Finals in Washington, DC.

Each winner at the state level will receive:

- A \$200 cash prize and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, DC
- A \$500 cash stipend for their school to purchase poetry materials
- An opportunity to compete at the 2020 National Finals for the title of National Champion and a \$20,000 prize

Interested schools, teachers, parents or students should contact Noelle Chandler, Arts Education Consultant for MCOE at MissNoelleSays@gmail.com for details on participation.

