



Announcing

***The 2009
New Hampshire
Poetry Out Loud
Competition***

Sponsored by

*The NH State Council on the Arts
The National Endowment for the Arts
The Poetry Foundation*

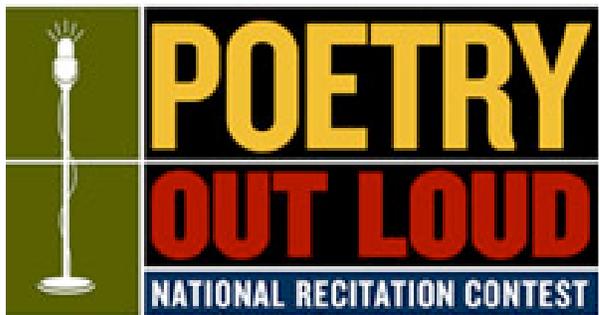
With support from

*The Monadnock Writers Group
The NH Charitable Foundation
NH Writers Project
The Poetry Society of NH
Arts Alliance of Northern NH
The Frost Place in Franconia
Keene State College
New England College*



***Join Us for Our Fourth
Annual NH Poetry Out
Loud Competition!***





Encouraging the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and performance.

Rules of the Game - Poetry Out Loud Guidelines to remember

- Poetry Out Loud is a free program, open to all public, private, and home schooled high school students in New Hampshire.
- National Endowment for the Arts' guidelines require multi-classroom participation in individual school competitions. A minimum of 2 classes, grades 9-12 is required.
- Students must choose poems from the NEA Poetry Out Loud website.
- At least one adult representative of the school should plan on attending the statewide competition on March 21, 2009 to assist the high school champion.
- Each school must have at least one contact person (two is better) to coordinate his/her school's competition. This person(s) should be permitted to attend a one-day professional development orientation and planning session at the NH State Council on the Arts in Concord, Oct. 8, 2008.

Contact Info for Questions:

Catherine O'Brian, NHSCA Arts in Education Director: Catherine.R.OBrian@dcr.nh.gov, (603) 271-0795

Rodger Martin, POL Director: rodgerwriter@verizon.net, (603) 525-4715

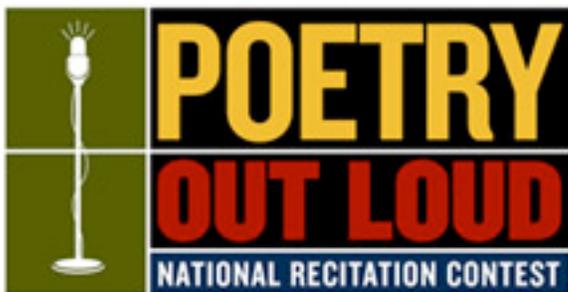
Cynthia Robinson, POL Assistant: cynthiarobinson@roadrunner.com, (603) 253-7967

Home school applicants, please contact Rodger Martin for more information.

Important Dates:

- **September 18, 2008:** *RSVP by this date if you will attend the Information Meeting*
- **September 22, 2008,** 4 to 5:15 pm: Information Meeting at the NHSCA, 2 1/2 Beacon St. Concord for schools desiring further information.
RSVP by 9/20/08 to Rodger Martin or Cynthia Robinson
- **October 3, 2008:** *RSVP by this date if you will attend the Orientation Day*
- **Oct. 8, 2008,** 9am- 3pm: Professional Development Orientation Day at the NH State Council on the Arts, 2 1/2 Beacon St., Concord, NH 03301, 2nd floor
RSVP by 10-3-08 to Catherine O'Brian or Rodger Martin
- **October 15, 2008:** Registration Postmark Deadline for Application Form
- **October, 2008-February, 2009:** Poetry Out Loud curriculum & high school competitions time
- **February 28, 2009:** Deadline for completing School Championships
- **March 21, 2009:** NH State Finals Championship, Keene State College
- **March, 28 2009:** *NH State Finals Championship Snow Date*
- **Late April, 2009:** National Championship in Washington, DC

More details about the program plus many valuable resources may be found at the Poetry Out Loud website at: <http://www.poetryoutloud.org>.



2009 POETRY OUT LOUD

APPLICATION FORM

Please submit only ONE registration form per school
Registration Postmark Deadline: October 15, 2008

Please type or print neatly!

High School Name: _____

School Mailing Address: _____

School Phone: _____ Principal's Name: _____

Principal's Phone/ extension: _____ Principal's Email: _____

Poetry Out Loud Coordinator: _____

Title: _____ Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ Ext _____

Work Email: _____

Home Email: _____

___ Our school is interested in participating in the *Poetry Out Loud* Project.

___ At least one coordinating teacher from each school is required to attend the Professional Development Orientation Day at the NH State Council on the Arts, 2 1/2 Beacon St., Concord, NH 03301, 2nd floor on Oct. 8, 2008, 9am- 3pm. RSVP to Catherine O'Brian or Rodger Martin by 10-3-08

Please indicate your **projected participants** on the chart below. (You may copy this sheet to indicate names of additional teachers. We welcome as many participating classrooms as interested). A minimum of 2 classes, grades 9-12 is required.

	Teacher Name	Email Address	School Phone & Ext.	Home Phone	Grade Level	# Of Students
1						
2						
3						
4						
Total Students Participating From Our School						

Access Needs:

If you have a disability and require accommodation to fully participate, please indicate accommodations required prior to March 1, 2009:

Principal's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail or fax (603-271-3584) this registration form to:

Catherine O'Brian, Arts Education Coordinator. (if faxing, send hard copy with original signatures.)
 NH State Council on the Arts, 2 1/2 Beacon Street, Suite 225, Concord, NH 03301-4974



An Invitation to Participate in Poetry Out Loud 2009

August 15, 2008

Dear Teacher, Language Arts Coordinator and/or Principal,

We invite your high school to participate in the 2009 New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud Competition (National Recitation Project) sponsored by the NH State Council on the Arts (NHSCA), the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and The Poetry Foundation, in cooperation with the Monadnock Writers Group, the NH Charitable Foundation, NH Writers Project, the Poetry Society of NH, the Arts Alliance of Northern NH, and the Frost Place in Franconia.

The goal of the competition and its accompanying curriculum is to encourage the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and performance. This exciting program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage. Poetry Out Loud builds on the current resurgence of the spoken word as an art form, inviting the dynamic aspects of slam poetry, spoken word, and theater into the English class.

The program consists of a three-week curriculum (provided by the National Endowment for the Arts) which can be varied to fit your needs for at least two separate classes in which students will train in memorizing and presenting classic poetry. Each class will hold a competition to select winners interested in participating in a school-wide competition. Each high school will then hold a competition to select a champion and alternate from those participants. The high school champion will then compete at the state final held at Keene State College on March 21, 2009. (Snow date, 3-28-09)

The winner of the state competition will receive \$200 and an all expenses paid trip (one chaperone included) to the national competition in Washington, DC, in late April, 2009. Additionally his/her school will receive \$500 for the purchase of poetry books. The individual state runner-up will receive \$100 with an additional \$200 award to his/her school for poetry books.

An Information Meeting will take place at the NHSCA on September 22, 2008, 4 to 5:30 p.m. at NHSCA, (2 1/2 Beacon St. Concord) for schools desiring further information. Please RSVP to Rodger Martin or Catherine O'Brian by September 18, 2008, if you will attend. For those schools participating for the second or third time, we thank you for your participation and invite you to attend to share your experiences with newcomers.

Coordinating teachers (at least one representative) from high schools participating in the competition will need to attend an Orientation Day at the NHSCA, Second Floor, 2 1/2 Beacon St., Concord, on Oct. 8, 2008, 9am- 3pm.

More details about the program plus many valuable resources may be found at the **Poetry Out Loud website at:**
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Sincerely,

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