

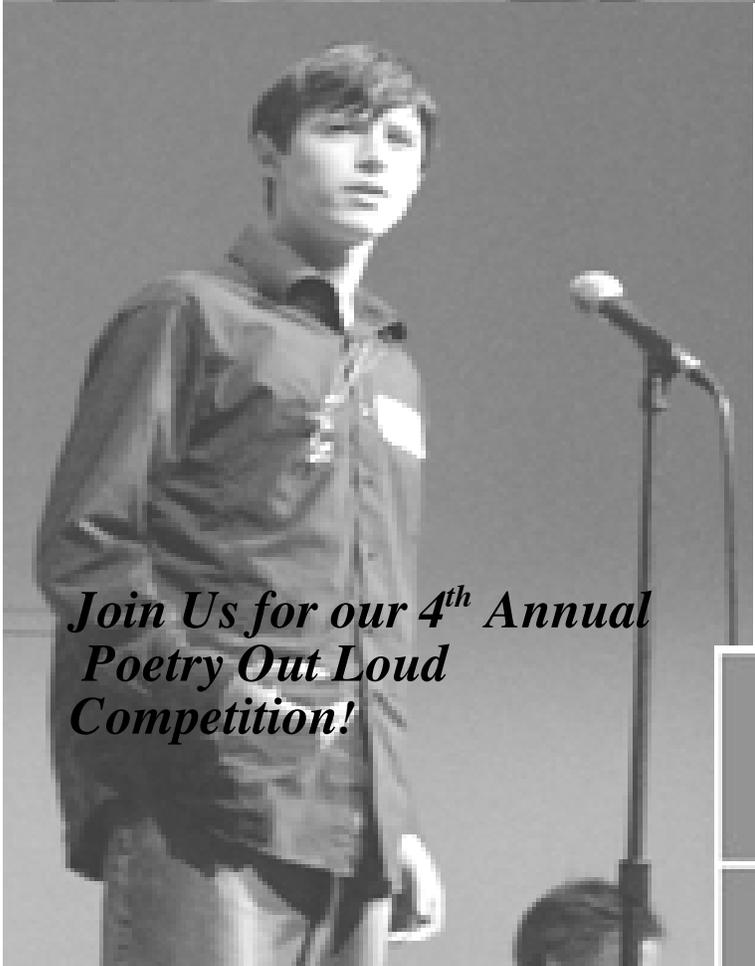


*Announcing*

*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 4<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Poetry Out Loud  
Competition!*





### Rules of the Game- Poetry Out Loud Guidelines to remember

- National Endowment for the Arts' guidelines require multi-classroom participation in individual school competitions. For home school division, a minimum of 5 participants, grades 9-12 is required.
- Students must choose poems from the NEA Poetry Out Loud website.
- At least one adult representative of the home school group should plan on attending the home school division competition. At least one adult home school representative should plan to attend the statewide competition on March 21, 2009 to assist the home school champion.
- Each home school competitor must have at least one contact person to coordinate his/her curriculum. This person should be plan to attend a one-day professional development orientation and planning session at the NH State Council on the Arts in Concord, Oct. 24, 2008.

#### Contact Info for Questions:

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#### 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, Suite 225 *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 & school championships 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: [www.poetryoutloud.org](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

Home School Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home School Poetry Out Loud Coordinator (Parent): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Our home school student is interested in participating in the *Poetry Out Loud* Project.

\_\_\_ At least one home school coordinating teacher 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, Suite 225 on Oct. 8, 2008, 9am- 3pm. RSVP to Catherine O'Brian or Rodger Martin by 10-3-08. This person(s) will serve as the coordinator for all home school participants.

A minimum of 5 home school students from the state, grades 9-12 is required in order to hold a reasonable competition. Home school students may choose poems from the online anthology.

**Access Needs:**

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

Parent'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 Home School Teacher,

We invite your student 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 at no charge) which can be varied to fit your needs in which students will train in memorizing and presenting classic poetry.

If we have at least 5 NH home school students participating, we will hold a competition to select a champion and alternate from those participants. The home 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 expense paid trip (one chaperone included) to the national competition in Washington, DC, in late April, 2009. Additionally his/or 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 5:15 p.m. at NHSCA, 2 1/2 Beacon St., Suite 225, Concord for schools desiring further information. Please RSVP to Rodger Martin or Cynthia Robinson by September 18, 2008, if you will attend. An Orientation Day at the NHSCA, 2 1/2 Beacon St., Suite 225, 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:** [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org)

Sincerely,

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