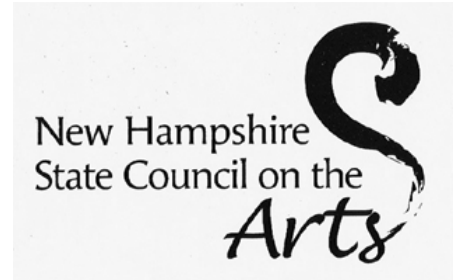




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## **The 2013-2014 New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud Competition**

*Poetry Out Loud is a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition to high schools across the country.*

### **Sponsored by...**

*The NH State Council on the Arts  
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### **With support from...**

*The New Hampshire Writers Project  
The Poetry Society of New Hampshire  
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The Frost Place in Franconia*

***Join us for our eighth annual program, where high school students from around NH will bring poetry to life, competing for recognition, prizes and scholarships!***

### *New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud 2013-2014 Participating Schools:*

*Academy for Science and Design  
Alvirne High School  
Bow High School  
Coe Brown Northwood Academy  
Concord High School  
CONVAL High School  
Derryfield School  
Dover High School  
Exeter High School  
Goffstown High School  
Groveton High School  
High Mowing School  
Holderness School  
Hollis Brookline High School  
Hopkinton Middle/High School*

*Jesse Remington High School  
John Stark Regional High School  
Kearsarge High School  
Keene Public Library  
Kingswood Regional High School  
LinWood Public School  
Making Community Connections  
Charter School  
Manchester Central High School  
Newfound Regional High School  
Newmarket High School  
Oyster River High School  
Pembroke Academy  
Plymouth Regional High School  
Portsmouth High School*

*Profile High School  
Prospect Mountain High School  
Raymond High School  
Somersworth High School  
Souhegan High School  
Spaulding High School  
St. Thomas Aquinas High  
School  
Timberlane High School  
Winnacunnet High School  
Winnasquam Regional High  
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Woodsville High School*

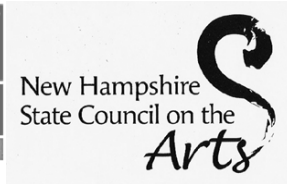
### **New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud 2013-2014 Guidelines to remember:**

- New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud 2013-2014 is a free program, open to all public, private and home-schooled high school students in New Hampshire.
- The National Endowment for the Arts' guidelines require multi-classroom participation in individual school competitions. A minimum of 2 classes in grades 9-12 is required.
- Students must choose poems from the National Endowment for the Arts' Poetry Out Loud website. [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org)
- Each school must have at least one contact person to coordinate that school's competition. The contact person must be a school employee.
- In addition to the competing student, **at least one adult representative of the school must attend** the regional semi-finals competition and, if applicable, the state-wide final competition.
- **Home school applicants:** please contact the POL Coordinator (see below) for specific information.
- **Access Needs:** If a student has a disability and requires accommodation to fully participate in semi-final events, please indicate accommodations required prior to February 20, 2014.
- **Teacher Support:** This year, we will post questions, comments, tips, resources for teachers on the NH POL teachers Blog: <http://nhpoetryoutloudteachers.blogspot.com/>

### **NH Poetry Out Loud 2013-2014 Important Dates:**

- **November 1, 2013:** Deadline for registering.
- **October, 2012 - February, 2013:** New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud 2012-2013 curriculum and competitions.
- **February 22, 3-6pm:** Celebration and Clinic for all student champions and alternates (Holderness School, Plymouth; Registration at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q86KJY6>)
- **February 22, 2014:** Deadline for completing School Championships.
- **March 1, 2014:** Deadline for submitting school champion/alternate champions' semi finals information forms.
- **March 4-11, 2014:** Regional Semi-final competitions (See list at: <http://www.nh.gov/nharts/programservices/pdf/POL2013-14SemiFinalSchoolLocations.pdf>)
  - **March 4:** University of NH, Durham, NH (Snow date 3/6)
  - **March 5:** Jean's Playhouse, Lincoln, NH (Snow date 3/6)
  - **March 7:** Southern NH University, Manchester, NH (Snow date 3/11)
  - **March 10:** New England College, Henniker, NH (Snow date 3/11)
- **March 13, 2014:** NH State Finals Championship, Representatives Hall, Statehouse, Concord
- **March 17, 2014:** Snow date NH State Finals Championship (tentative date)
- **March 22, 2014:** Deadline for submitting names of NH POL State Champion & Alternate
- **April 29-30, 2014:** National Championship in Washington, DC.

More details about the program, plus many valuable resources may be found at the national Poetry Out Loud website at: [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org) .



## Welcome to New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud 2013-2014

Poetry Out Loud is an exciting and **free** program that allows New Hampshire's students to experience the thrill of public speaking and to be part of a growing interest in performing poetry. This national competition and its accompanying curriculum, aim to encourage the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and performance. Poetry Out Loud is a dynamic and flexible program that helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn about their literary heritage. It 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 classroom.

### ***How does it work?***

New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud 2013-2014 consists of a three-week curriculum, provided by the National Endowment for the Arts that can be varied to fit a school's needs. Poetry Out Loud uses a pyramid structure. Beginning at the classroom level, winners advance to a school-wide level, then on to our New Hampshire Semi Finals level, then to our New Hampshire State Finals level, and ultimately to the National Competition held in Washington, DC.

School champions and alternates are eligible to win a generous scholarship to New England College, for \$20,000 for one year (dependent on applying and being accepted through the normal admissions process.)

The winner of the New Hampshire State Final competition also receives \$200 and all-expenses paid trip for the student and one chaperone to participate in the national competition in Washington, DC, in April, 2014. Additionally his/her school receives \$500 for the purchase of poetry books. The individual state runner-up receives \$100, with an additional \$200 award to his/her school for poetry books.

More details about the national Poetry Out Loud program plus many valuable resources may be found at the Poetry Out Loud website at: [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org). For information on New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud visit: [www.nh.gov/nharts](http://www.nh.gov/nharts). Look for the "Poetry Out Loud" box on the home page!

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