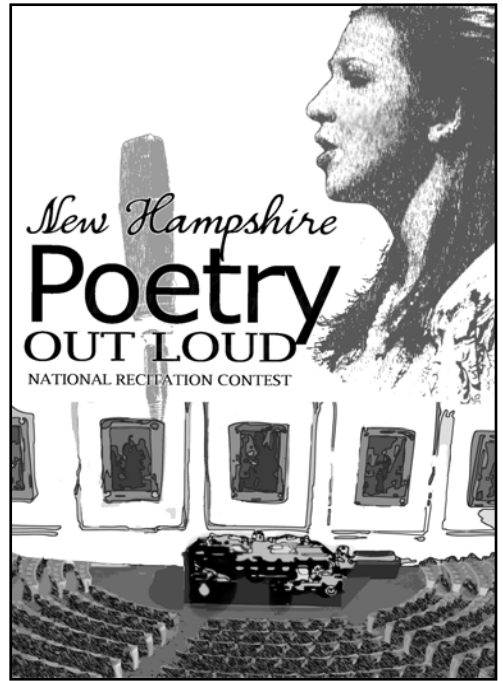


The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts Invites Your School to Join *Poetry Out Loud!*

Registration by November 1, 2013

New Hampshire *Poetry Out Loud* is...

- An exciting and free program that encourages the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and performance.
- Open to all public and private high schools in New Hampshire (limited to a total of 40 schools on a first come, first served basis).
- A national competition with a flexible accompanying curriculum.
- A popular and teacher-friendly program in its 9th year, that helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn about their literary heritage.
- Funded by The National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation, in partnership with The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts.



“I love watching students who never thought they could be good at anything find a poem they love, own it, and give it to an audience in a way that surprises even themselves.”– 2012 NH Poetry Out Loud participating teacher

How does it work?

- New Hampshire high schools register to participate, identifying a school NH Poetry Out Loud Coordinating Teacher Team (2 teachers).
- With support from the state NH Poetry Out Loud Team, teachers implement a school program including, a version of the curriculum (provided by the National Endowment for the Arts that can be varied to fit a school's needs), classroom competitions, and a school-wide competition.
- 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 finally to the National Competition held in Washington, DC.
- The winner of the New Hampshire State Finals competition receives \$200 and an all-expenses paid trip for the student and one chaperone to participate in the national competition in Washington, DC. His/her school receives \$500 for the purchase of poetry books. The New Hampshire State Alternate Champion receives \$100, with a \$200 award to his/her school for the purchase of poetry books.

For information on New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud visit: www.nh.gov/nharts

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For more information about the National Poetry Out Loud project: www.poetryoutloud.org

