

ARTS AND CULTURE EL DORADO PRESENTS

POETRY OUT LOUD



ABOUT POETRY OUT LOUD - A POETRY RECITATION CONTEST

Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation competition which encourages high school students to learn about poetry through memorization, performance, and competition. Participants master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life. This year all levels of the competition will be held virtually.

The aim of Poetry Out Loud is to encourage the study and appreciation of great poetry. Students engaged in the program not only learn about their literary heritage but also build self-confidence through mastering public speaking skills. Poetry Out Loud has inspired millions of high school students to discover the beauty and brilliance of the literary canon.

El Dorado County's Poetry Out Loud competition will be structured a bit differently this year, with students submitting their entries directly to Arts and Culture El Dorado.

PRIZES

EL DORADO COUNTY PRIZES:

- All participants receive \$10
- 1st place: \$100 and moves on to State Finals
- 2nd place: \$75
- 3rd place: \$50

CALIFORNIA STATE PRIZES:

- 1st place: \$200 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.
- \$500 for their school

NATIONAL CONTEST PRIZES:

- 1st place: \$20,000
- 2nd place: \$10,000
- 3rd place: \$5,000
- 4th-12th places: \$1,000

POETRY OUT LOUD RULES

- Poetry Out Loud is open to all high school students
- All poems must be selected from the Poetry Out Loud print or online anthology.
- Students must recite their poem from memory.
- Students may not use props or wear costumes during their recitations.

PARTICIPATION APPLICATION DUE:

Monday, January 4, 2021

VIDEO SUBMISSION DUE:

Monday, February 1, 2021

For more information and to apply for Poetry Out Loud 2021, visit:

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