



About the Competition

The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation have once again partnered with the California Arts Council to support **2015 Poetry Out Loud**, a **FREE** high school program which encourages the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. This dynamic program helps high school students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, learn about their literary heritage, and compete for more than \$100,000 in awards.



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How do I get my students involved?

In order to compete, schools must register by contacting California Poetry Out Loud at poetryoutloud@arts.ca.gov. All materials and resources will be provided. Competitions will first be implemented in fall 2014 at the classroom and school level to identify one student winner to represent their school at the district or county finals. County winners will proceed to the State Finals competition **March 15-16, 2015**, with the Champion representing California at the National Finals in Washington, DC.

Each winner at the state level will receive:

- A \$200 cash prize and an all expense paid trip to Washington, DC
- \$500 for their school to purchase poetry books
- An opportunity to compete at the National Finals for the title of National Champion and a \$20,000 award



For more information or to register your school, please contact California Poetry Out Loud at poetryoutloud@arts.ca.gov or visit www.arts.ca.gov & www.poetryoutloud.org

