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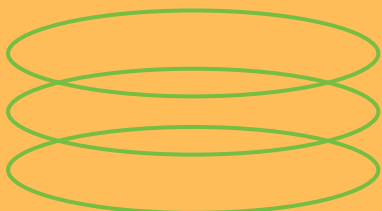
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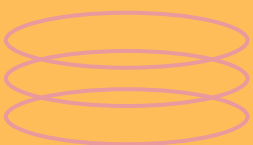
The Northeast Louisiana Arts Council nurtures a vibrant regional arts culture through support, promotion and education.





What is Poetry Out Loud?

Poetry Out Loud is a FREE national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering free educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition for high school students across the country. This program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life. Poetry Out Loud is a partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts, Poetry Foundation, and the state and jurisdictional arts agencies.



Introduction

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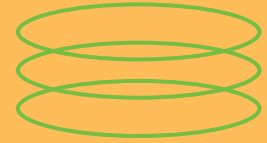
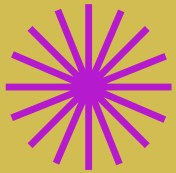
The program starts at the classroom/school or at the local level with an area organization. Winners then may advance to a regional and/or state competition, and ultimately to the national finals. Awards and placements are determined solely by the judges' scores based on the Poetry Out Loud Evaluation Criteria. Non-school organizations, such as after school clubs, libraries, or non-profit organizations, may also choose to run Poetry Out Loud.

Each winner at the regional level receives a monetary prize, travel expenses covered for state and a \$200 gift for their school library. Each winner at the state level receives \$200 and an all-expenses-paid trip (with an adult chaperone) to Washington, DC, to compete at the National Finals. The state winner's school/organization receives \$500 for the purchase of poetry materials. The first runner-up in each state receives \$100, with \$200 for their school/organization. At the national finals, a total of \$50,000 in awards and school/organizational stipends are awarded annually including a \$20,000 award for the National Champion, \$10,000 for 2nd place, \$5,000 for 3rd place, and \$1,000 for 4th-12th places.



The Region

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12 parishes strong.

This competition is open to ALL 9th - 12th grade students from Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll.

This includes students from public, private and parochial schools, as well as students who are homeschooled!



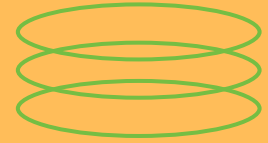
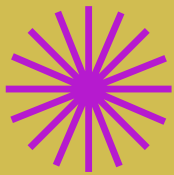
Our goal is have at least 1 student from each parish representing at regionals each year. To make this a reality, we will have to expand our outreach capacity.

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The Data

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A look at the state & beyond..

The 2023-2024 state participation data:

Number of Schools/Organizations – 32

Number of Teachers - 41

Number of Students - 565

Number of State Finalists – 14

Since 2005, Poetry Out Loud has grown to reach more than 4.2 million students and 72,000 teachers from 18,000 schools and organizations in every state, American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



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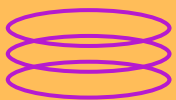
Event Information



Overview of the event



Students from across our 12 parishes will converge on the campus of the University of Louisiana at Monroe on Thursday, February 13th, 2025 at 6:30pm in Biedenharn Recital Hall to compete and see who will represent us on the state... and potentially the national... level.



Poetry Out Loud 2024 saw a Ruston theatre student represent Region 8 all the way to Washington DC, making it to the top 9 in the nation! We are ready to go to DC again and show the state and the nation just how talented and equipped our students are.

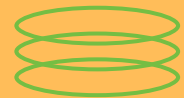
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What are the options for your sponsorship commitment?



Legacy

- logo displayed prominently on program
- logo on website + social media
- sponsor spotlight posts
- sponsor spotlight on webpage
- reserved seating at event

\$1000

Leader

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- logo on website + social media
- sponsor spotlight post

\$500

Friend

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- logo on website

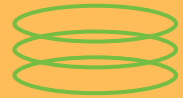
\$250

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Ready to make a sponsorship commitment?



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