

# POETRY OUT LOUD

## About POETRY OUT LOUD in Michigan

Poetry Out Loud (POL) is a national poetry recitation competition for high school students. Through memorization and performance, students can master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage.

In our state, POL is a partnership of the Michigan Humanities Council (MHC), Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA), National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the Poetry Foundation, and National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Additional support is generously provided by Meijer and the Liesel Litzenburger Meijer Fund.



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## Michigan's POETRY OUT LOUD State Finals

School competitions in 41 locations around Michigan began in fall 2018. Champions from each school will travel to Lansing and recite up to three poems during the State Finals on **March 1 and 2, 2019**, at the **Crowne Plaza Lansing West** (925 S. Creyts Road, Lansing, 48917). Competition rounds are open to the public and begin at the following times:

- Round 1: **Fri., March 1 at 3 p.m.**
- Rounds 2 & 3: **Sat., March 2 at 8:30 a.m.**

## Prizes and POETRY OUT LOUD National Finals

Each winner at the state level will receive:

- A minimum of a \$200 cash prize and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC
- A minimum of a \$500 cash stipend for their school to purchase poetry materials
- An opportunity to compete at the 2019 National Finals for the title of National Champion and a \$20,000 prize

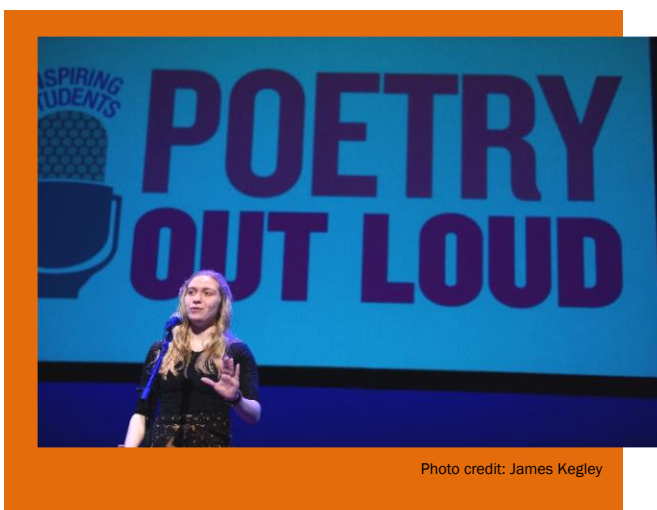


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For more details about the upcoming POL State Finals, visit [www.michiganhumanities.org/poetry-out-loud/](http://www.michiganhumanities.org/poetry-out-loud/) or call Program Officer Katie Wittenauer at (517) 372-7770

