



Pittsburgh Center for Arts and Media invites you to participate in Pennsylvania's 2022-23 Poetry Out Loud Contest!

You are invited to join other high schools across the country for the annual [Poetry Out Loud \(POL\) national arts education program](#)! Your high school's champion will participate in one of the 14 regional finals from around Pennsylvania and these champions will participate in the [PA state finals organized by the PA Council on the Arts](#), scheduled to be held virtually with the winner announced on March 13, 2023. [Pittsburgh Center for Arts and Media's regional POL competition](#) will also be held virtually, as will some others across the Commonwealth. PCA&M's Arts in Education and POL service region includes Allegheny, Beaver, Greene, and Washington counties. PA's state champion will participate in the national finals, currently scheduled for May 8-10, 2023 in Washington, D.C. Please follow POL's recommendations on [how to film a recitation for a virtual competition](#).

Participation in *Poetry Out Loud* encourages students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition. **Free, standards-based curriculum materials are available for schools, teachers, and students.** Please see and download the [2022-23 POL Teacher's Guide](#). Studying literature, including poetry, addresses at least three Anchor Assessments as per the PA Core ELA Standards: Speaking and Listening (SL. 9-10, SL 12-11), Reading (RL. 9-10, RL 11-12), and Language (L. 9-10, L 11-12). You may refer to the [Teachers & Organizers](#) section of the POL website for more information regarding [NCTE, Common Core, and National Core Arts Standards](#) and for additional ideas and information on how to incorporate Poetry Out Loud into your curriculum.

- POL's *2022-23 Teacher's Guide* offers suggestions so that you can **customize** the program to meet your time and schedule constraints.
- POL's *Fact Sheet* includes information regarding the positive impact of participating in the program. (Available online [here](#).)

Getting Involved

- Individual teachers or a group of teachers, a school club, an entire school, homeschoolers, and/or community organizations may participate.
- Teachers may determine the extent of their participation – from incorporating POL into a

unit of study to offering POL as an extra credit or after school project – or use some or all of the [lesson plans](#) offered on-line.

Whatever type of program you plan to implement, the end result should be **one winner** from your school, organization, homeschool, or other entity who will **submit poem selections and video recitations to PCA&M by February 3, 2023.**

What Must Students Do?

Choose three poems from the POL on-line anthology to read, memorize, and recite. Please go to: <https://www.poetryoutloud.org/> Students may also download and use a new, free POL app developed by the Poetry Foundation to find, save, and practice poems for the competition on their phones or tablets: [App Store \(iOS\)](#) or [Google Play Store \(Android\)](#)

- Recitations may not include props, costumes, or music. Some gestures and minimal movement may, however, be appropriate to a given poem.
- Each school's winner is eligible to submit three video recitations (one of each poem) to PCA&M by **February 3, 2023.**
- Review, download, and follow POL's recommendations on how to film a virtual recitation for a virtual competition.
- Each **regional winner** will participate in PA's virtual state contest scheduled for late February /early March 2023.
- PA's state winner will receive \$200 and will participate in the national semifinals and/or finals on May 8-10, 2023.
- The state winner's school will also receive a \$500 stipend to purchase poetry books. The runner-up in each state will receive \$100 plus \$200 for his/her school to purchase poetry books.

Questions?

Contact Mary Brenholts mbrenholts@pghartsmedia.org or 412-361-0455, ex 3584

Please complete PCA&M's 2022-23 Intent to Participate Form and return it to Mary via email by January 6, 2023 (earlier is better!) so we can register you and keep you informed!