



# Poetry Out Loud 2016-17 Michigan Participation Form

## Directions

Please complete and submit this application by **November 30, 2016** to compete in the 2016-17 Poetry Out Loud program. This is a free program. For additional details visit our website.

## Multiple Classrooms

Multiple classrooms are encouraged to participate at each school. If so, schools must identify a lead teacher, who will complete this application. Submit one application per school.

## Eligibility

All Michigan high schools are eligible to participate. All eligible applicants will be accepted.

## Acceptance

Schools will receive official notification within one week of application. Program resources will be distributed on a rolling basis.

## Submitting Application

The preferred method for submitting an application is online. You may also request a word document and mail it to the address below or fax it to 517-372-0027.

Michigan Humanities Council  
119 Pere Marquette Dr., Suite 3B  
Lansing, MI 48912

Direct all eligibility and program questions to James Nelson: [jnelson@mihumanities.org](mailto:jnelson@mihumanities.org) or (517-372-7770).

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School

Lead Teacher Name

Address

Lead Teacher Subject Area

City State Zip

Lead Teacher Email Address (primary method of contact)

School District County

Lead Teacher Work Phone Lead Teacher Cell Phone

# of Participating Teachers

Names of Participating Teachers and # of participating students by class:

# of Participating Classes Total # of Participating Students

Approximate # of hours you expect to teach poetry in class

Approximate dates you expect to teach poetry in class

Approximate date you expect to hold the school competition

Do you know a teacher from another school who would like to participate?

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Signature of Lead Teacher (Digital signature accepted)

Date

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### Expectations:

- Incorporate poetry recitation into curriculum (at teacher's discretion).
- Hold school/classroom competition to determine school champion.
- Ensure school champion will attend regional, state, and national championships (if selected).
- Provide school champion's information to Council by deadline.
- Be prepared to list event dates (classroom discussion and school competitions) with attendance numbers.
- Before reimbursements can be distributed following statewide competition, school surveys must be submitted to the Council
- Full contest rules available in teachers guide; hard copies provided to participating teachers or visit [www.poetryoutloud.org/guide](http://www.poetryoutloud.org/guide).

### 2016-17 Schedule (subject to revision):

- September 2016 to January 2017: Schools incorporate Poetry Out Loud into curriculum, hold school competitions.
- Nov. 30, 2016 Application deadline for interested schools.
- January 27, 2017: Deadline to submit winning student.
- March 3, 2017: State Finals, Lansing Center, Lansing.
- April 24-26, 2017: National Finals, Washington, D.C.
- May, 2017: Michigan Youth Arts Festival, Kalamazoo.

### MHC Commitment:

- Provide a teacher's guide free to each participating teacher.
- Reimbursement of travel expenses for the student/parent and teacher traveling a minimum of 50 miles each way (see travel form).
- Each student competing at the State finals will receive a certificate signed by the governor.
- State winner will keep the Poetry Out Loud trophy at their home school for one year. He/she will also receive \$200 and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to compete for a \$20,000 scholarship at the national competition.
- State winner's school will receive a \$500 stipend for the purchase of poetry books.
- Guidance and support from MHC program officer.

Poetry Out Loud is a partnership of Michigan Humanities Council, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, National Endowment for the Arts, The Poetry Foundation, and Michigan Youth Arts.