



Poetry Out Loud 2011-12 Michigan Participation Form

Directions

Please complete and submit this application by Nov. 18, 2011 to compete in the 2011-12 Poetry Out Loud program. This is a free program. For additional details:

www.michiganhumanities.org/programs/poetry.

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 two weeks of application. Program resources will be distributed as soon as they are made available to the Council.

Making Application

Fax your completed application to 517-372-0027, send it to the address below, or email to Robin Soergel at rsoergel@mihumanities.org.

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

Direct all eligibility and program questions to Robin Soergel by email (see above) or phone (517-372-7770).

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 and Subject Areas of Participating Teachers:

of Participating Classes # of Participating Students

Signature of Lead Teacher

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 information to Council in timely fashion.
- Submit evaluation materials to Council in timely fashion.
- Full contest rules available in teachers guide; hard copies provided to participating teachers or visit www.poetryoutloud.org/guide.
- The four state finalists will receive scholarships to participate in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival, and will be expected to attend on behalf of the Council.

2011-12 Schedule (subject to revision):

- November 18, 2011: Application deadline for interested schools
- September 2011 to February 3, 2012: Schools weave Poetry Out Loud into curriculum, hold school competitions.
- February 3, 2012: Deadline to submit winning student.
- February 25, 2012: Regional Finals (if necessary; venues TBD).
- March 10, 2012: State Finals, Lansing.
- May 10-12, 2012: Michigan Youth Arts Festival, Kalamazoo.
- May 14-15, 2012: National Finals, Washington, D.C.