We know that many students like to write original poems, and we would like to recognize students’ original work at our state contest.

If you enter your school in the state Poetry Out Loud competition, by submitting a recording of your school winner, you are also invited to enter up to three original poems by students at the same time. The three poems can be written by the same student author or different students. The original poems should be eight to 50 lines and include the title of the poem and name of the author.

Three student poets will be selected to have their poems presented between rounds of the state competition on March 12. The poets and chaperones will receive an expense reimbursement to the state contest, and students will receive $100. Student poets can present their own poems or ask someone else to present for them.

We want to promote the writing of poetry as well as its recitation.

For more information...

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