

About

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Competition

POETRY

OUT LOUD



The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation are partnered with the South Dakota Arts Council to support Poetry Out Loud. A FREE program for high school students that encourages them to learn about poetry through memorization and recitation. This program provides avenues for students to master public speaking skills, build self confidence, learn about their literary heritage, and compete for more than **\$50,000** in prizes.

Get Involved

Interested in competing? Contact Rebecca Cruse at rebecca.cruse@state.sd.us to register. All materials and resources are available to you on the Poetry Out Loud website.* Videos for the preliminary round are due on February 6, and The state finals competition will be held virtually on March 14 to determine who will represent South Dakota at the National Finals in Washington DC.

*<https://www.poetryoutloud.org/teachers-organizers/lesson-plans/>

Winnings

- A **\$200** cash prize to the state finals winner;
- **\$500** for their school to purchase poetry material;
- An opportunity to compete at the National Finals for the title of National Champion and a **\$20,000** top prize!

