



## ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation have partnered with the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA) to support **2016 Poetry Out Loud**, a **FREE** high school program which encourages the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. This dynamic program helps high school students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, learn about their literary heritage, and compete for more than \$100,000 in awards.



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## HOW DO I GET MY STUDENTS INVOLVED?

Schools must register through the state contact listed below. All materials and resources are provided along with preparation workshops led by teaching artists. Competitions begin in fall 2015 at the school or classroom level to identify one student winner to represent their school in the state finals held in mid-March. The state winner represents Washington DC at the National Finals in early-May in Washington, DC.

## EACH WINNER AT THE STATE LEVEL WILL RECEIVE:

- A \$200 cash prize and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, DC
- A \$500 cash stipend for their school to purchase poetry materials
- An opportunity to compete at the 2016 National Finals for the title of National Champion and a \$20,000 prize



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For more information or to register your school, please contact David Markey at [david.markey@dc.gov](mailto:david.markey@dc.gov) or 202-671-1354 or visit [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org)

