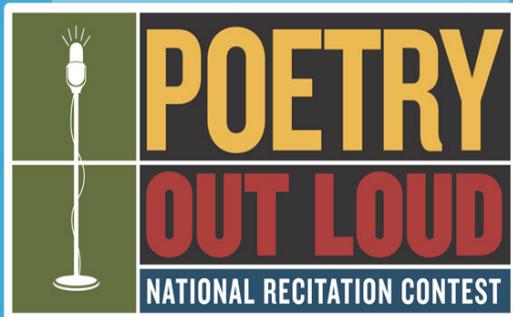


# Indiana



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## About the competition...

The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation has once again partnered with the Indiana Arts Commission to support *Poetry Out Loud*, a program which encourages the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and performance. This exciting program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage. Classrooms, clubs, and groups from all over the nation will be participating in 2007/2008 Poetry Out Loud.

Competitions will first be held at the school level to determine up to two students that will represent their school at the regional finals. Regional competitions will be held in late February to establish who will compete at the state level. In early March, the state final competition will be held to determine the state winner who will then represent Indiana at the *Poetry Out Loud* National Finals in Washington D.C. on April 27-29, 2008.

### The winner at the state level will receive:

- \$200 cash prize
- All-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. to compete for the national championship.

### The state winner's school will receive:

- \$500 stipend for the purchase of poetry books.

**A runner-up in the state will receive \$100, with \$200 for his or her school library.**

A total of \$50,000 in scholarship awards and school stipends will be awarded at the *Poetry Out Loud* National Finals, with a \$20,000 college scholarship award for the National Champion.

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Visit the website [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org)

Under federal law, participation in state competitions and the National Finals is restricted to U.S. citizens or permanent