



## Indiana State Finals 2022/23

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### **How will the Indiana Poetry Out Loud state finals work this year?**

For the 2022-2023 Poetry Out Loud state finals, the first two rounds will be held virtually through video submission. The top 15 students will proceed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round, which will be held in-person at the Indiana State Government Center auditorium in downtown Indianapolis.

### **State Finals Rounds 1 and 2: Recorded Videos Recitation**

*Recorded videos due February 13, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. EST*

The first two rounds of the competition will be conducted through video submissions on Flip (formally Flipgrid). Due February 13, 2023, each student competing at the state finals will submit two video files of their poem recitations to the Indiana Arts Commission Flipgrid page, [Round 1](#) and [Round 2](#) respectively. For video recording tips, visit the [National Poetry Out Loud page](#).

The IAC does not want technology to be a barrier for any student or school. We can provide devices or other support related to technology upon request. Contact Stephanie Haines [shaines@iac.in.gov](mailto:shaines@iac.in.gov) or 317-450-9973.

Judging for rounds 1 & 2 will be done on zoom with the judges watching the videos one by one and judging each video much like an in-person event. These judging sessions will not be open to the public.

### **State Finals Round 3: In-Person Recitation at Indianapolis**

*On March 4, 2023, from 1:30 - 5 p.m. EST*

Round 3 of this year's Poetry Out Loud contest will be an in-person competition at the Indiana State Government Center auditorium located in downtown Indianapolis. Students will recite their round 3 poems in-person to a panel of judges. Invitations for the event will be sent out no later than February 17<sup>th</sup>. Students will be required to arrive at the event location at 12:30 p.m. EST on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>. A detailed schedule for the Round 3 event will be emailed to students and teachers on a later date.

The champion will advance to the national finals, to take place in May 2023, where \$50,000 in awards and school stipends will be distributed.

### **Scoring and Announcements**

At the conclusion of the third-round recitations, the judges' scores will be calculated and the winner of the 2023 Poetry Out Loud competition will be announced at the state finals event.

### **School competitions may be virtual or in-person**

Schools may choose whether their competitions are conducted in-person or virtually. For more information about virtual competitions click [here](#). For general information about Poetry Out Loud school competitions, check out the Poetry Out Loud [Teacher's Guide](#).

*Due to the ever-changing nature of the Covid-19 pandemic and school environments, the Indiana Arts Commission will continue to evaluate these processes, throughout the year. Any changes will be communicated to all schools in a timely manner.*

