



**Invite *Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest* into your school's English, Speech and Theatre classrooms and join the thousands of teachers who have become inspired, had fun and success "making poetry matter" for students.**

Administered by the Alabama State Council on the Arts (ASCA) and the Alabama Alliance for Arts Education (AAAE)

**Deadline to sign up: October 15, 2007**

**Public & Private High Schools are invited**

*Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest* is a great way to teach poetry and help students with written and oral communication skills. *Poetry Out Loud* 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. Moreover, *Poetry Out Loud* satisfies most of the National Council for Teachers of English (NCTE) English Language Arts Standards.

This program will fit well into your literature curriculum. It creates an entry point for students to appreciate poetry. It strengthens community in the classroom, and it reaches students who never thought they would take to poetry and take it to the stage!

**In addition to the National program, Alabama will host a state competition for the recitation of original poetry. Our state competition will be held during a full day of activities in Montgomery, Friday March 14, 2008. Up to 12 students will participate in the state level competition.**

Once you register, you will receive teaching tools that will invoke students' excitement about literature and poetry recitation, including sample lesson plans, audio CDs of poets reciting their won famous works, publicity materials for school competitions, and a DVD of winning student performances from the 2007 *Poetry Out Loud* National Finals.

This year the program in Alabama will have coordinators in Montgomery, Tuscaloosa, and Mobile.



## Here's how to get connected:

Contact the **Alabama Alliance for Arts Education** at 334/269-1435 or email [aaae@bellsouth.net](mailto:aaae@bellsouth.net) to officially sign up your school to become part of the National Poetry Out Loud competition.

**OR** contact the coordinator in the district closest to your school.

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**Get Out Your Calendar.** Alabama *Poetry Out Loud* classroom contests happen throughout winter, regional competitions in February and the **State competition is March 14, 2008** in Montgomery. The National Finals in the nation's capitol will be April 27-29.

**Get Motivated.** See what teachers are saying with their work with *Poetry Out Loud* at [www.poetryoutloud.org/teachers/quotes.html](http://www.poetryoutloud.org/teachers/quotes.html).



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