

**NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
AND POETRY FOUNDATION PRESENT**



Alabama Region 2 Competition

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The Alabama Arts Alliance is providing the cash awards and is hosting the regional competition.

The Alabama State Council on the Arts is the coordinating agency for Alabama.

The program is sponsored by the National Endowments for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation.

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Competitors

Name	School	Grade	Teacher
Emily Biaz	Auburn High School	11	Davis Thompson
Kyra Brinkerhoff	Russell County High School	12	Carla Vanderford
Rhema Creel	Lakeview Christian School	10	Deborah Stabler
Morgan Dozier	Pike Road High School	10	Elana Woodall
Anita Duncan	Opelika High School	11	Claudette Tennant
Kyla Fletcher	Auburn High School	12	Davis Thompson
Jalaiya Gilmore	BTW Magnet High School	12	Ken Spear
Jayda Julius	BTW Magnet High School	11	Ken Spear
Loyalty Kindred	Opelika High School	12	Claudette Tennant
Diarra King	Russell County High School	10	Brittany James
Autumn Love	Russell County High School	12	Carla Vanderford
Lydia Maple	Lakeview Christian School	12	Deborah Stabler
Alice Maple	Lakeview Christian School	9	Deborah Stabler
Audrey Miller	Lakeview Christian School	11	Deborah Stabler
Eric Mun	Auburn High School	12	Davis Thompson
Atticus O'Banner	Opelika High School	11	Claudette Tennant
Crystal Ray	Russell County High School	9	Carla Vanderford
Joshua Stout	BTW Magnet High School	12	Ken Spear
Aden Stricklin	BTW Magnet High School	11	Ken Spear
Daryl R. Thomas Jr.	BTW Magnet High School	11	Ken Spear
Nathanial Wilkins	Russell County High School	12	Carla Vanderford

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<i>Round 1</i>	Student	Poem
1	Joshua Stout	<i>Abandoned Farmhouse by Ted Kooser</i>
2	Morgan Dozier	<i>Kitchen Fable by Eleanor Ross Taylor</i>
3	Anita Duncan	<i>Hope is the Thing With Feathers by Emily Dickinson</i>
4	Audrey Miller	<i>Famous by Naomi Shihab Nye</i>
5	Jayda Julius	<i>And If I Did, What Then? by George Gadsciogne</i>
6	Eric Mun	<i>Acquainted with the Night by Robert Frost</i>
7	Diarra King	<i>Across The Bay by Donald Davie</i>
8	Lydia Maple	<i>Oranges by Roisin Kelly</i>
9	Crystal Ray	<i>I Remember, I Remember by Thomas Hood</i>
10	Atticus O'Banner	<i>Another One of the World's Liars by Mohja Kahf</i>
11	Emily Biaz	<i>My dad & sardines by Toi Derricotte</i>

<i>Round 2</i>	Student	Poem
1	Joshua Stout	<i>Frederick Douglass by Robert Hayden</i>
2	Morgan Dozier	<i>Much Madness is divinest Sense by Emily Dickinson</i>
3	Anita Duncan	<i>One Girl by Sappho</i>
4	Audrey Miller	<i>Silence by Thomas Hood</i>
5	Jayda Julius	<i>Up-Hill by Christina Rossetti</i>
6	Eric Mun	<i>The Light of Stars by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow</i>
7	Diarra King	<i>The Definition of Love by Andrew Marvell</i>
8	Lydia Maple	<i>An Apology for Her Poetry by Duchess of Newcastle M. Cavendish</i>
9	Crystal Ray	<i>The Day by Geoffrey Brock</i>
10	Atticus O'Banner	<i>When I Heard the Learn'd Astronomer by Walt Whitman</i>
11	Emily Biaz	<i>Surprised by Joy by William Wordsworth</i>

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<i>Round 3</i>	Student	Poem
1	Joshua Stout	<i>The Affliction of Richard by Robert Bridges</i>
2	Morgan Dozier	<i>We Wear the Mask by Paul Laurence Dunbar</i>
3	Anita Duncan	<i>Blackberry-Picking by Seamus Heaney</i>
4	Audrey Miller	<i>To David, About His Education by Howard Nemerov</i>
5	Jayda Julius	<i>Finishing Up by A. R. Ammons</i>
6	Eric Mun	<i>The Work of Happiness by May Sarton</i>
7	Diarra King	<i>The Affliction of Richard by Robert Bridges</i>
8	Lydia Maple	<i>Rabbits and Fire by Alberto Rios</i>
9	Crystal Ray	<i>Cartoon Physics, Part 1 by Nick Flynn</i>
10	Atticus O'Banner	<i>The Coming of the Plague by Weldon Kees</i>
11	Emily Biaz	<i>Sheltered Garden by HD</i>

Social Issue Poetry Competition

<i>Round 1</i>	Student	Poem
1	Autumn Love	<i>Pray the Gay Away</i>
2	Lydia Maple	<i>Maybe He thought he could Fly</i>
3	Loyalty Kindred	<i>The Power Of An Unsown Society</i>
4	Kyra Brinkerhoff	<i>MDD</i>
5	Rhema Creel	<i>On Hate</i>
6	Anita Duncan	<i>Lipstick Taser</i>
7	Jalaiya Gilmore	<i>Big Dream Big Push (VIRTUAL ENTRY)</i>



Original Poetry Competition

<i>Round 1</i>	Student	Poem
1	Anita Duncan	<i>Payphone</i>
2	Alice Maple	<i>Diet Coke</i>
3	Kyla Fletcher	<i>Growing pains i guess</i>
4	Autumn Love	<i>Clay</i>
5	Atticus O'Banner	<i>Closet</i>
6	Nathaniel Wilkins	<i>Falling</i>
7	Audrey Miller	<i>The Infamous Orange</i>
8	Daryl R. Thomas Jr.	<i>Remembering How To Write A Poem</i>
9	Eric Mun	<i>Solo Paradise</i>
10	Aden Stricklin	<i>Little Leather Boots</i>

<i>Round 2</i>	Student	Poem
1	Anita Duncan	<i>Pacify Me</i>
2	Alice Maple	<i>All in 3 Seconds of Eye Contact</i>
3	Kyla Fletcher	<i>Internalized Male Gaze</i>
4	Autumn Love	<i>Hypocrite</i>
5	Atticus O'Banner	<i>Rearview</i>
6	Nathaniel Wilkins	<i>One Chance</i>
7	Audrey Miller	<i>Sunset at the North Pole</i>
8	Daryl R. Thomas Jr.	<i>An Ode/Apology to Frogs</i>
9	Eric Mun	<i>The Cherry Tree</i>
10	Aden Stricklin	<i>My Nature</i>

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