



2019-2020 MARYLAND POETRY OURSELVES Original Poem Competition: Submission Guidelines

The Maryland State Arts Council will be offering an additional competition for original student work for the 2019-2020 State Finals. Each Regionals winner will have the opportunity to submit one original work of poetry. This is optional.

The State Finals judges will evaluate the entries and the top three will be announced at State Finals after the third round. The students will read their work during a scoring break and the Poetry Ourselves winner announced after the State Champion is announced. **The winner receives a \$300 prize.**

JUDGING

The review process for Poetry Ourselves is anonymous. The identity of the poet is not known to the judges when evaluating submissions. Students should not include their name within the text of their poem or their name on the document attached to the submission email.

ELIGIBILITY

The Poetry Ourselves competition is open to all 2019-2020 Maryland Poetry Out Loud Regionals winners.

HOW TO ENTER

Students submit one original poem, typed and **no longer than 50 lines. Poems should be submitted by email and attached as a Word document to preserve its formatting.**

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submissions are due by/on Friday, January.3, 2020 via.email by 5:00 p.m.

Poems submitted after deadline will not be reviewed. Submission date/time will be determined based on date/time stamps. **If you sent the Google Form without a poem and changed your mind, please email POL Director Chris Stewart with your poem by the deadline. Email below.**

Poems may focus on any topic, but students should remember that winning entries may be presented to the public. Email to: Precious.Blake, POL Director: precious.blake@maryland.gov

Written poems may be no longer than 50 lines and must be the original work of the student and will be judged solely on artistic excellence.

ONLY IF YOU ARE EMAILING POEM AFTER SUBMITTING GOOGLE FORM:

In the body of the email please include:

- The poem in full with title and student's name (poems with unusual formatting should be attached)
- This statement: "(Name of student) and (Name of parent/guardian) certify that the work submitted is an original piece."

Questions? Contact Precious.Blake at precious.blake@maryland.gov