Maryland Poetry Out Loud Virtual Competition: Avenues to Access

School (Public or Private)
- Host classroom & school level competitions for 9-12 graders
- Host chooses top 2 students to submits video for pre-regionals

Community Organization
- Host organization level competition for 9-12 graders
- Host chooses top 2 students to submits video for pre-regionals

Independent Student
- No host or competition needed
- 9-12 grade student submits video for pre-regionals
**2020-2021 Maryland Poetry Out Loud**

**Registration**
- August 26 - November 2
- All organizations, schools, and independent students register with their intent to submit poetry recitation videos

**Virtual Pre-Regionals**
- November 15 - January 1
- All registrants submit homemade videos reciting two poems from the POL Anthology.
- Pre-regional judges choose top 12 students per region (3 regions) to move to Regionals

**Virtual Regionals**
- January & February 2021 (exact dates TBD)
- Top 12 students per region (36 total) compete
- Submit a homemade video or set up a recording appt
- Regional judges choose top 3 students to move to State

**Virtual State**
- March 9, 2021
- Top 3 students per region (9 total) compete at state
- Submit a homemade video or set up a recording appt
- State judges choose 2021 champion to move to National

**Nationals**
- April 26 - 28, 2021
- Maryland State Champion competes at National competition

*Regional and state competitions will be livestreamed in real time on MSAC platforms.*