



2016 Poetry Out Loud State Finalist Information

School	Student Representative Poem Choices	Poet
Brandywine High School	Tori Baker	
	<i>Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening (25 lines or fewer)</i>	Robert Frost
	<i>I felt a Funeral, in my Brain (Pre-20th Century)</i>	Emily Dickinson
	<i>The Arrow and the Song (Pre-20th Century)</i>	Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Cape Henlopen High School	Phoebe Callard	
	<i>Rain (25 lines and Fewer)</i>	Kazim Ali
	<i>April Midnight</i>	Arthur Symons
	<i>An Apology For Her Poetry (Pre-20th Century)</i>	Margaret Cavendish
Caravel Academy	Jessica Pigeon	
	<i>La Belle Dame Sans Merci (Pre-20th Century)</i>	John Keats
	<i>Ode on the Death/a Favorite Cat Drowned in a Tub/Goldfishes (Pre-20th Century)</i>	Thomas Gray
	<i>Safe in their Alabaster Chambers (25 lines or fewer)</i>	Emily Dickinson
Concord High School	Christian Wills	
	<i>Invictus (Pre-20th Century, 25 lines or fewer)</i>	William Ernest Henley
	<i>to the notebook kid</i>	Eve L. Ewing
	<i>The Negro Speaks of Rivers</i>	Langston Hughes
Middletown High School	Brandon Dawson	
	<i>The Tree (Pre-20th Century)</i>	Anne Finch, Countess of Winchilsea
	<i>Windigo</i>	Louise Erdrich
	<i>Richard Cory (25 lines or fewer)</i>	Edwin Arlington Robinson
Mount Sophia Academy	Rebecca Pereira	
	<i>The Children's Hour (Pre-20th Century)</i>	Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
	<i>A Poison Tree (25 lines and Fewer)</i>	William Blake
	<i>The Maid's Lament</i>	Walter Savage Landor
Newark Charter High School	Natalie Nwanekwu	
	<i>After the Winter (25 lines or fewer)</i>	Claude McKay
	<i>The Salvation (Pre-20th Century)</i>	Thomas Traherne
	<i>Cartoon Physics Part I</i>	Nick Flynn
Padua Academy	Shannon Murray	
	<i>I Hear America Singing (25 lines or fewer and Pre-20th Century)</i>	Walt Whitman
	<i>Zoom</i>	Simon Armitage
	<i>Numbers</i>	Mary Cornish
Polytech High School	Hannah Sturgis	
	<i>El Olvido (25 lines or fewer)</i>	Judith Ortiz Cofer
	<i>Blackberrying</i>	Sylvia Plath
	<i>Infelix (Pre-20th Century)</i>	Adah Isaacs Menken
Red Lion Christian Academy	Samuel Ogunwande	
	<i>Invictus (Pre-20th Century)</i>	William Ernest Henley
	<i>Black Boys Play the Classics</i>	Toi Derricotte
	<i>I, Too (25 lines or fewer)</i>	Langston Hughes

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Sanford School	Jordan McMillan	
	<i>Analysis of Baseball</i>	May Swenson
	<i>Domestic Situation</i>	Ernest Hilbert
	<i>I heard a Fly buzz – when I died</i> (25 lines or fewer and Pre-20 th Century)	Emily Dickinson
Seaford Senior High School	Dylan Norman	
	<i>Invictus (Pre-20th Century and 25 lines or fewer)</i>	William Ernest Henley
	<i>Gitanjali 35 (Pre-20th Century and 25 lines or fewer)</i>	Rabindranath Tagore
	<i>The Paradox (Pre-20th Century)</i>	Paul Lawrence Dunbar
St. Elizabeth’s High School	Abbey Thompson	
	<i>Quite Frankly (25 lines or fewer)</i>	Mark Halliday
	<i>Candles</i>	Carl Dennis
	<i>On an Unsociable Family (Pre-20th Century)</i>	Elizabeth Hands
St. Mark’s High School	Mollie Russell	
	<i>The Obligation to Be Happy (25 lines or fewer)</i>	Linda Pastan
	<i>Friendship After Love (Pre-20th Century)</i>	Ella Wheeler Wilcox
	<i>The Way It Sometimes Is</i>	Henry Taylor
Tall Oaks Classical School	Kana Turley	
	<i>When I Heard the Learn’d Astronomer</i> (Pre-20 th Century, 25 lines or fewer)	Walt Whitman
	<i>Monstrance Man</i>	Ricardo Pau-Llosa
	<i>I Close My Eyes (25 lines or fewer)</i>	David Ignatow
Ursuline Academy	Jane Krukiel	
	<i>Bright Copper Kettles (25 lines or fewer)</i>	Vijay Seshadri
	<i>I Hear America Singing (Pre-20th Century)</i>	Walt Whitman
	<i>The Glories of Our Blood and State</i>	James Shirley
Wilmington Christian School	Samantha Drummond	
	<i>The Negro Speaks of Rivers (25 lines or fewer)</i>	Langston Hughes
	<i>Invictus (Pre-20th Century)</i>	William Ernest Henley
	<i>American Smooth</i>	Rita Dove
Wilmington Friends School	Gustavo Silveira	
	<i>What Kind of Times Are These? (25 lines or fewer)</i>	Adrienne Rich
	<i>Sonnet 15 (Pre-20th Century)</i>	William Shakespeare
	<i>The Second Coming</i>	William Butler Yeats