

ARTS IN BLACK FESTIVAL



TIFTON GEORGIA

THE ARTS IN BLACK ADVISORY BOARD

Proudly Announces Its Annual

2025 Poetry Recitation Competition

This year the Arts in Black Advisory Board will host its Annual Poetry Recitation Competition for students in grades K-Collegiate Students. **The Competition will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025 at Fulwood Park's Syd Blackmarr Stage here in Tifton, GA, at 1:00 P.M.** Prizes will be awarded to winners in each category.

The Advisory Board is asking all schools, churches and civic organizations to sponsor young people to compete in the following categories:

Category I *Grades K-3*

Category II *Grades 4-6*

Category III *Grades 7-8*

Category IV *Grades 9-12 & Collegiate Students*

All poetry (excluding limericks, jingles, pop songs, rap, etc.) is permissible. Qualified officials will judge all grade categories separately. Official entry forms are included in this letter. Feel free to make more copies as needed or contact Leila E Dollison at 229-392-2979/ email address; leila.dollison@gmail.com or Adrian Love at 470-530-0135 / email address; alove0726@icloud.com for additional forms.

We hope that you will encourage your youth to participate and that you will attend this educational and entertaining event. Please spread the word and bring a friend or two. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Leila E Dollison, AIB Poetry Festival Chair

Adrian Love, AIB Poetry Festival Co-Chair

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POETRY COMPETITION**

ENTRY FORM

Name of Contestant: _____

Name of Poem: _____ Author: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: ____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip code: _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Primary Contact Number: _____

Parent Signature: _____

*****Competition to be held as part of the ARTS IN BLACK FESTIVAL on Saturday May 3rd, 2025 at 1:00P.M. on Fulwood Park's Syd Blackmarr Stage. Please be present by 12:30 p.m. to register and receive instructions. PLEASE HAVE COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED/POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE MONDAY APRIL 14th 2025. *****

RULES:

1. All participants must be registered in their correct grade category.
2. ALL POEMS MUST BE MEMORIZED. Poems written by established and Avant-garde authors are acceptable. If a talented student chooses to recite an original composition that he or she has written, a copy of that original composition must be submitted with this application.
3. Simple props (folding tables, dolls, chairs, etc.) can be used as part of the performance.
4. Time limits for poems are as follows:
 - Category I** (*Grade K-3*) cannot exceed two minutes
 - Category II** (*4-6*) cannot exceed three minutes
 - Category III** (*Grades 7-8*) cannot exceed five minutes
 - Category IV** (*Grades 9-12 & Collegiate Students*) cannot exceed five minutes
5. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes awarded within each category. All categories will be judged separately. **An addition prize will be awarded for *best original composition*.**
6. The competition will begin promptly at 1:00 P.M. in Fulwood Park at the Syd Blackmarr Stage. All contestants should be present by 12:30 P.M. At this time, contestants will be seated in their performance order.

Please return this form to: Arts In Black C/O Leila E Dollison, P.O. Box 7651, Tifton, GA 31793 or contact Adrian Love directly @ 470-530-0135 to arrange pick of application.