

SEAS Eco-Poetry Smash

Make an impact using spoken-word poetry!

Entry Guidelines

Spoken-word poetry is a powerful art form that can express environmental concern or the inspiration drawn from nature. Words can change the way people look at the world. Poets can use grief, anger, hope, and other feelings to convey their message. Make your mark on this earth by submitting a poem to raise awareness, promote a healthier environment, and celebrate the nature around us.

Inspired by National Youth Poet Laureate [Amanda Gorman](#)'s captivating inaugural recitation, NoVA Outside's SEAS eco-art feature this year is the Eco-Poetry Smash. Get personal and share your perspective on nature and the environment using the power of poetry!

Guidelines for the SEAS Eco-Poetry Smash submissions:

1. Submissions should be digital audio or video submissions, either linked content (as with YouTube/vimeo) or submitted via email in MP3 audio or MP4 video media format, with file size not to exceed 20 megabytes
2. Audio/video recordings should be **no longer than one minute** duration, and may be recorded/edited on a computer, cell phone, or other digital device
3. Poem must be authored and performed by the student(s) submitting the work
4. The poem may be in any language, as long as an English-language translation is provided, either as video subtitles or as a separate text file
5. Submissions should not contain foul language, and should be consistent with the student's school's guidelines for expression
6. The submitted media file may include music, sounds, visuals, animation, or other effects, and the **speaker(s)/author(s) is/are not required to appear in video**
7. Submitted media must be accompanied by the signed parental consent/release form (following page)

Entries should be submitted on the SEAS event page at www.novaoutside.org, and must be received by April 18, 2021.

Parental Consent & Media Submission Release
Eco-Poetry Smash - Student Environmental Action Showcase 2021

The 2021 Eco-Poetry Smash shares and highlights original spoken-word poetry by Northern Virginia school-age youth. NoVA Outside reserves the right to verify, in its sole judgment, entrant eligibility. **All participants must have parental/guardian consent and agreement to the following, with a copy of this form submitted at the time audio and/or video file(s) are submitted.**

MINOR (CHILD) MEDIA SUBMISSION RELEASE FORM

I, _____, the parent or legal guardian of

_____ [Child], grant NoVA Outside my permission to use my child's name and the audio and/or video media file(s) submitted by my child for any legal use, including but not limited to: publicity, illustration, advertising, and web content.

Eco-Poetry Smash participants retain ownership and all other rights to future use of the audio and/or video media file(s) they submit **except for the following**: the submitted audio and/or video media file(s)—and child's name and school—may be published on the NoVA Outside website, and NoVA Outside and its licensees are granted the perpetual, worldwide non-exclusive license to reproduce, distribute, display and create derivative works of the submitted entry (along with a name credit) in connection with the Student Environmental Action Showcase.

Furthermore, I and my child understand that no further royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to us by reason of such use.

By providing participant's personal information, such as name or email at time of submission, including the personal information of youth participant younger than EIGHTEEN years of age, I understand that NoVA Outside may use such information to communicate with participant for the purposes of administering the Eco-Poetry Smash and complying with applicable laws, regulations and rules.

Child/Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature : _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____