



### Overview:

The 2012 Word Up! Poetry Slam, presented by the **City of Sunrise**, is a competition that places a dual emphasis on writing and performance. Student poets will have an opportunity to create and deliver inspirational, original works that focus on such topics as **education, charity and empowerment**.

Word Up! is open to students age 14 to 19 who are enrolled in a Broward County high school during the 2012-2013 academic year. Homeschooled students age 14 to 19 who reside in Broward County may also participate.

Key dates and times are as follows:

- **Audition Registration Deadline:** Monday, September 24, at 3:00 p.m.
- **Audition:** Thursday, October 4, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Workshop #1:** Saturday, October 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Workshop #2:** Saturday, October 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Workshop #3:** Saturday, November 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Workshop #4:** Saturday, November 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Word Up! Poetry Slam:** Saturday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m.

### The Audition:

Student poets interested in competing in Word Up! must first participate in an audition to be held on Thursday, October 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Sunrise Civic Center (10610 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise 33351). No more than 30 students may register to audition.

Each student who registers for the audition must submit a **typed copy of his/her audition poem** - along with a signed Poetry Submission/Permission Form - no later than **Monday, September 24**. Only one poem per participant. The poem must be the student's **original work**, and should reflect a Word Up! theme - education, charity or empowerment - or a similarly inspiring topic. The use of profanity is discouraged. Props, costumes, musical instruments and/or recorded music are *not* permitted.

Each poet will have three minutes (*plus a 30-second grace period*) to perform one poem. A half point will be deducted from a poet's total score for every ten seconds he/she exceeds the 3:30 minute time limit. Poems will be judged by a panel and scored based on originality, creativity and delivery. No more than 12 poets will be selected to advance to Word Up!

### The Workshops:

Students selected to compete in Word Up! must participate in a series of writing workshops in the Sunrise Civic Center Art Gallery (10610 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise 33351). During these workshops, student poets will receive valuable writing and performance assistance in preparation for the final competition. The workshops are free, and lunch will be provided. Dates and times are as follows:

- **Workshop #1:** Saturday, October 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Workshop #2:** Saturday, October 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- **Workshop #3:** Saturday, November 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Workshop #4:** Saturday, November 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Writing workshops are **completely closed to the public**. Only poets who are competing in Word Up! will be allowed to enter the Gallery. We do this in order to provide a non-disruptive and safe place for creativity to flow.

### **The Competition:**

Word Up! will be held on Saturday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sunrise Civic Center Theatre (10610 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise 33351). Participants must be prepared to perform four poems: one for each of the competition's three rounds (*bouts*), and one in the event a tie-breaker (*Slam Off*) is required. Each poem must be the student's original work or they will be disqualified.

Each poem should reflect a Word Up! theme - education, charity or empowerment - or a similarly inspiring topic. The use of profanity is discouraged. Props, costumes, musical instruments and/or recorded music are **not** permitted.

Each poet will have three minutes (*plus a 30-second grace period*) to perform each poem. A half point will be deducted from a poet's total score for every ten seconds he/she exceeds the 3:30 minute time limit. Poems will be judged by a panel and scored based on originality, creativity and delivery. The competition format is as follows:

- After the first bout, no scores will be read. Twelve poets will advance to the second bout.
- After the second bout, scores will be read. Five poets will advance to the third bout.
- After the third bout, no scores will be read. The first-, second- and third-place poets will be announced.

Prizes (*to be determined*) will be awarded to the first-, second- and third-place finishers at Word Up! All poets who perform at Word Up! will receive a certificate of achievement.

### **Submission:**

Please submit your poem and completed audition registration form to Sady I. Diaz, City of Sunrise Public Relations Specialist, via e-mail ([sdiaz@sunrisefl.gov](mailto:sdiaz@sunrisefl.gov)) or fax (954-572-2476) **no later than Monday, September 24, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.**

### **More Information:**

If you have any questions regarding Word Up!, please contact Sady I. Diaz by phone (954-747-4662) or email ([sdiaz@sunrisefl.gov](mailto:sdiaz@sunrisefl.gov)).



### Poetry Submission/Permission Form

This completed form must be attached to a typed copy of the student’s original poem. See the attached Overview for audition information and deadlines. Applications and poems are due no later than **Monday, September 24 at 3:00 p.m.**

Participant Name (Last, First, MI):					
Sex:		Date of Birth:		Grade in 2012-13	
School Name:					
Parent/Guardian Name (if participant is under 18 years old):					
Street Address		State:		ZIP Code:	
Daytime Phone:		Home Phone:			
Parent/Guardian Cell Phone and Email:					
Student Cell Phone and Email:					

Emergency Contact (if Parent/Guardian cannot be reached):			
Relationship to Participant:			
Primary Phone:		Alternate Phone:	

Does the Participant require special accommodations?	Yes		No	
If Yes, please describe:				

I represent that the information on this form is complete and accurate and that the submitted poem is wholly my work. I agree that the City of Sunrise may use and/or publish the attached poem for any purpose in any media (printed or electronic) without compensation.

Please submit this completed form – along with student poem – to Sady I. Diaz, City of Sunrise Public Relations Specialist, via e-mail ([sdiaz@sunrisefl.gov](mailto:sdiaz@sunrisefl.gov)) or fax (954-572-2476) **no later than Monday, September 24, 2012.** For more information, call (954) 747-4662.

Signature of Participant (or Parent/Guardian, if Participant is under 18 years of age)	
Print Name of Participant or Parent/Guardian	Date
Signature of Witness No. 1	Print Name of Witness No. 1
Address	City, State and Zip