



OVERVIEW:

It is the **13th Year Anniversary** for the **2022 Word Up! Poetry Slam** – presented by the **City of Sunrise** in collaboration with the **Jason Taylor Foundation** and the **Omari Hardwick bluapple Poetry Network**. It is a competition that places a dual emphasis on writing and performance.

Word Up! is open to students age 13 to 19 who are enrolled in a Broward County high school during the 2022-2023 academic year. Homeschooled students age 13 to 19 who reside in Broward County may also participate. Key dates and times for Word Up! 2022 are:

- **Audition:** Wednesday, October 5, at 6:00 p.m. SHARP
- **Workshop #1:** Saturday, October 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Workshop #2:** Saturday, October 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Workshop #3:** Saturday, October 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Workshop #4:** Saturday, November 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Word Up! Poetry Slam Finals:** Wednesday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m.

THE AUDITION:

Student poets interested in auditioning for Word Up! must submit (A) a **typed copy of his/her audition piece** (*one original poem*), (B) a signed Poetry Submission/Permission Form and (C) a signed photo/video release no later than **Tuesday, October 4, at 3:00 p.m. SHARP**. Audition registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served, basis and no more than 75 students may sign up. (Both B & C forms are below)

The **Word Up! audition** will be held on **Wednesday, October 5, at 6:00 p.m. SHARP** in the Sunrise Civic Center Theatre (*10610 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise 33351*). The use of profanity is strongly 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 their audition poem. Poems will be judged by a panel and scored based on originality, creativity and delivery. No more than 20 poets will be selected to advance to the Word Up! finals, set for Wednesday, November 16.

THE WRITING WORKSHOPS:

Students selected to compete in Word Up! must participate in all four (4) writing workshops at the Sunrise Civic Center (*10610 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise 33351*) in order to prepare for the competition. During these workshops, student poets will receive valuable writing and performance assistance.

The Word Up! writing workshops are free and lunch will be provided. Dates and times are as follows:

- **Workshop #1:** Saturday, October 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Workshop #2:** Saturday, October 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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Writing workshops are **closed to the public** (*no family or friends permitted*). We do this to provide a distraction-free environment where creativity can flow.

THE COMPETITION:

The **2022 Word Up! Poetry Slam** will be held on **Wednesday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sunrise Civic Center Theatre (*10610 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise 33351*). Participants must be prepared to perform four (4) 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.

The use of profanity is strongly 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 – including cash awards of **\$250, \$150 and \$100**, generously provided by the Jason Taylor Foundation – will be presented to the first-, second- and third-place finishers at Word Up! All poets who perform at Word Up! will receive a certificate of achievement.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION:

Please submit your (A) poem, (B) completed audition registration form *and* (C) signed photo/video release to our Theatre Staff, via e-mail (civiccentertheatre@sunrisefl.gov) no later than **Tuesday, October 4, at 3:00 p.m. SHARP**. Only students who submit all three components of the application will be considered. If you have any questions regarding Word Up!, call 954-747-4646.





Poetry Submission/Audition Registration Form

Completed forms must be attached to a **typed copy** of the student's original poem. See the attached Overview for audition information. The **2022 Word Up! Poetry Slam** registration packets – which include a student's poem, registration form and photo/video release – are due **Tuesday, October 4, at 3:00 p.m. SHARP.**

Participant Name (*First, MI, Last*): _____

Sex: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade in 2022-2023: _____

School Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (*if participant is under 18*): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Participant Cell Phone: _____

Participant 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 the submitted poem is wholly the work of the Participant named above. I agree that the **City of Sunrise**, the **Jason Taylor Foundation**, and the **Omari Hardwick blueapple Poetry Network** may use and/or publish the attached poem for any purpose in any media (*printed or electronic*) without compensation.

Signature of Participant (or Parent/Guardian, if Participant is under 18 years of age) Date

Print Name of Participant or Parent/Guardian Date

Please submit your (A) completed registration form, (B) poem and (C) photo/video release to Theatre Staff, via e-mail (civiccentertheatre@sunrisefl.gov) by **Tuesday, October 4, at 3:00 p.m. SHARP.** Only students who submit **all three (3)** components of the application will be considered. For more information, call (954) 747-4646.



Photo/Video Release Form

I hereby permit **the City of Sunrise, the Jason Taylor Foundation, and the Omari Hardwick bluapple Poetry Network** to use or distribute any or all still and/or moving images in which I/my child appear(s) for any use including, but not limited to: video, Web, print and multimedia applications; training or other instructional materials; advertising, commercials or other promotional materials; and other forms of media, without compensation. Any image(s) created shall be the property of the City of Sunrise.

Print Name of Participant: _____

Print Name of Parent/Guardian (if participant is under 18): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Signature of Participant (or Parent/Guardian, if Participant is under 18 years of age) **Date**

Please submit your completed registration form, poem and photo/video release to Theatre Staff (City of Sunrise), scanned/sent via e-mail (civiccentertheatre@sunrisefl.gov) by **Tuesday, October 4, at 3:00 p.m. SHARP** or for more information, call (954) 747-4646