

WE SPEAK



EDMONDS CENTER FOR THE ARTS' ANNUAL Youth Poetry Slam Competition

About

ECA's annual WE SPEAK Festival is a celebration of spoken word poetry and storytelling that provides a platform for artists to respond to issues that impact themselves, their communities, and the world.

Finalists

Three finalists will be selected by a juried panel to perform their work LIVE on the ECA Stage during the **WE SPEAK Festival**, headlined by internationally-acclaimed spoken word poet **Shane Koyczan**, on Saturday, March 4! The first-place winner will receive a **\$1,000 scholarship**, and second and third-place winners will each receive a \$500 scholarship.

How to Enter

- ★ Read all the entry details on ec4arts.org.
- ★ Be between the ages of 13 and 21, as of March 4, 2023.
- ★ Get creative! You may use costumes, props, music, and visual aids in your spoken word performance!
- ★ Submit an online application form and share your video recording of 1-2 ORIGINAL poems (10 min or less).

Submission deadline: January 30, 2023

2023 Themes

Edmonds Center for the Arts (ECA) invites young people (ages 13-21) living in the Puget Sound region to submit video samples of spoken word performance responding to this year's themes:

★ *Belonging* ★ *Self-Care* ★ *Healing* ★

We want to know:

*How do you find belonging?
How do you approach self-care?
How do we respond to and recover
from a global pandemic?*

*Calling all Poets, Rappers
& Wordsmiths!*



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