

**Annexure A**  
**IMPORTANT DATES AND DETAILS FOR THE COMPETITION**

**Closing Date for Entries to the 2017 Competition**

Schools must have registered with Poetry FOR Life™ by **30 January 2017**, to be eligible to partake in the 2017 competition. We encourage schools to register much earlier than that, and to assist and encourage interested students to select poems before the start of the December holidays, to give them time to learn the poems.

A registration fee of R550 per school will be charged. In the case of financial hardship, please contact the organisers, so that suitable sponsorship can be found.

Only students enrolled in Grades 10, 11 and 12 for 2017 may be entered.

**School competitions**

Each school will hold its own first-round competitions at suitable venues at the school or in the area where the school is situated.

School competitions are to take place from **January to mid-February 2017**.

The names and details of winners and runners-up from the school competitions must be sent through to the organisers of Poetry FOR Life™ by no later than **13 February 2017**.

Please visit the Poetry for Life website ([www.poetryforlife.co.za](http://www.poetryforlife.co.za)) for guidelines on how to run your school competitions.

**Regional competitions**

Regional competitions will take place during **March 2017**.

The number of regions and the geographical location of the Regional competition venues will be determined by the numbers of participants who have entered from the various areas.

The dates and venues will be communicated to the various schools by no later than **20 February 2017**. We will try to arrange venues within reasonable travelling distance of the contestants' schools.

The Regional competitions will generally be held on **Saturdays**.

**Semi-Finals – Provincial level**

The Western Cape Semi-Final competition will be held during **April 2017**. Further details will be posted in due course.

It is hoped that 16 students (2 from each of the Western Cape Education Department's eight districts) will be entered in the semi-finals for the Western Cape Province.

Details of semi-finals to be held in the other Provinces will be posted on our website in due course, depending on the number and location of competitors from each Province. Each Province will be responsible for organising its own Regional competitions and Provincial Semi-Finals.

**National Final**

The Final competition will in all likelihood be held again at the Franschhoek Literary Festival, in May 2017. This still has to be confirmed.

It is hoped that students from more Provinces will take part in the Final.

**CONTACT US**

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