

2023-2024 BARD Competition

Student Registration Form

Due October 23, 2023

Student Name: _____ Class & Section: _____

Name of Poem: _____

Author: _____

Complete ONE of the Following:

Harp and Laurel Wreath page number that the poem is located on: _____

OR

Attach an exact copy of the poem that the participant will be reciting for the judges.

The poem memorized for Round 1 must be between 10 and 35 lines. It cannot be a scholar's original work or a poem memorized previously in or for any Archway Trivium class grade.

Recitations will be judged on

- Physical presence
- Voice and articulation
- Dramatic appropriateness
- Level of difficulty of the poem
- Evidence of understanding
- Overall performance

Round 1: December 7th, 2023 from 9:00am to 11:00am

All contestants will compete. The top 12 overall scores will be chosen to advance to Round 2.

Round 2: February 15th, 2024 at 8:15am

The 12 finalists will compete in the Trivium gymnasium.

Great Hearts Archway Bard Competition:

April 2024 at the Lund Center on the Veritas Campus

Competition dates and times are tentative and subject to change. Communication will be done through email.

Questions may be directed to Ms. Lindsey Smith at lsmith@archwaytrivium.org.

Parent/Guardian Contact Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

2023-2024 BARD Competition Guidelines

Participants must be enrolled in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade.

Participants must return this completed and signed registration form along with their poem selection **by October 23rd** to their homeroom teachers.

The Round 1 poem must be between 10 and 35 lines in length. It must have been written before 1970. The poem cannot be an original work and cannot be a poem already memorized in any class from current or previous Archway Trivium grades. **Unlike past years, participants may NOT choose a speech to recite.**

Participants should wait for approval of the poem to begin memorization. Approval will be given around October 27th by email.

While memorizing and preparing for the BARD competition, BARD contestants will be excused from their required in-class poetry recitations. Homeroom teachers will ask contestants to recite their BARD poems instead.

Recitations will be judged on physical presence, voice and articulation, evidence of understanding, dramatic appropriateness, overall performance, and level of difficulty of the poem.

Round 1 of the competition will take place with all BARD contestants and four judges during school hours on **December 7th** in the Trivium library.

The 12 BARD contestants with the highest overall scores will advance to Round 2. Finalists will choose a new poem to memorize. The Round 2 competition will take place on **February 15th** at 8:15am in the Trivium gymnasium.

The finalist from Round 2 will perform with all other Archway finalists at the Great Hearts Final BARD Competition in April 2024 at the Lund Center on the Veritas Campus.

If you have any questions about the BARD Competition, please contact Ms. Lindsey Smith at lsmith@archwaytrivium.org.