



Great Fish Poetry Slam Information & Rules

The Whitefish Community Foundation is pleased to host the **Great Fish Poetry Slam**.

If this your first time Slammin' there is one important thing to remember: Poetry Slam is a GAME that was invented to engage the audience. Poetry Slam showcases the art of performance poetry, where poets perform their own work, either individually or in a group, to be judged in a competition.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Submit your entry form and a video file of you performing your original poem about the Great Fish Community Challenge to contact@whitefishcommunityfoundation.org. A panel of 5 judges will evaluate the submission and invite up to ten submissions to perform their entry at the Great Fish Poetry Slam during the Great Fish Color Run and Community Celebration on September 7th. Following the performance, the public determines the best entry by casting votes online until September 13th. The winning entry will perform at the Great Fish Awards Celebration on October 10th.

WHAT CAN I WIN?

We will award one (1) grand prize. The individual or group submitting the winning entry will select one 2019 Great Fish Community Challenge participating nonprofit to receive a **\$1,000.00** grant.

DOES MY POEM HAVE TO BE MEMORIZED?

CAN I PLAY MY GUITAR?

CAN WE WEAR COSTUMES?

No, No, and YES!

No, you do not have to memorize your poem, but remember you will be judged based on the quality of your poem and your delivery.

No props or pre-recorded music allowed!

Yes, we know that costumes are not supposed to be worn at poetry slams but it's our slam and we love costumes, so please wear your favorite costume if you feel so inclined. Props, original music, and pre-recorded music are not allowed.

These are the official rules for the Great Fish Community Challenge Poetry Slam (the "Slam"). In these rules, "we," "our," and "us" refer to the Whitefish Community Foundation, the sponsor of the Slam. "you" and "your" refers to an eligible Slam entrant.



THE SLAM RULES:

- **Contest details and specifications**

- Entry specifications
 - Your poem must be at least 20 seconds and can be up to **3 minutes**. Poems should capture the history, spirit, impact, and/or legacy of the Whitefish Community Foundation and the Great Fish Community Challenge (as perceived by the artist).
 - Poems must **NOT** be specific to any nonprofit(s).
 - Poems should not reference the year so that they may be used well into the future.
 - Your entry must not violate the rights of any other person by using their name, voice, likeness, images, or other identifying characteristics, without their express written consent, including, without limitation, celebrities and/or other public or private figures, living or dead.
 - Poems may NOT contain, as determined by us, in our sole and absolute discretion, any content that: is sexually explicit, obscene, offensive, violent, disparaging, defamatory, slanderous, or illegal; derogatory towards any ethnic, racial, gender, religious, professional, age, or other group or class; vulgar, profane, or pornographic; promotes the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, firearms/weapons; promotes a particular political agenda; or communicates messages or images inconsistent with the positive images and good will to which we wish to associate.
 - Poems must be your original work and contain no trademarks, logos, copyrighted materials, or other intellectual property owned by someone other than you. You agree to hold the Whitefish Community Foundation harmless from any claim or proceeding based on a violation of this rule.
 - Your poem cannot have been selected as a winner in any other contest; and you must have obtained all consents, approvals, or licenses required to submit your entry.
 - Whitefish Community Foundation reserves the right to reject any entry, in our sole and absolute discretion, that we determine does not meet the above criteria.
- Poem ownership and use
 - Whitefish Community Foundation indefinitely retains all right, title, and interest and unrestricted use of the video and/or sound recordings of all entries, and may use them in any manner it deems appropriate, without compensation.
 - Whitefish Community Foundation may sell, trademark, copyright, publicly display, expand, revise, improve, or otherwise use in any manner all entries in this contest.
- Poem recording
 - Entrants are responsible for facilitating their own recordings.
 - **No props allowed.** This means no musical instruments or pre-recorded music. You can beat box, make arm pit noises, whistle, or sing. You cannot break out the kazoo or bring a beat loop.



- **Please submit both audio and video files – YouTube or Vimeo URL. The video must be of the entrant performing their entry. Entries that do not include a video file will not be considered. Videos must not include promotional materials specific to any nonprofit (e.g. shirts, mugs, hats).**
- Poem file submission
 - **The final deadline for submission is Tuesday, August 20th at 5pm MDT**
 - Fill out the ENTRY FORM. By submitting this form, you agree to the rules and conditions set forth in this document.
 - Email your **audio with video** files to contact@whitefishcommunityfoundation.org. Label your media “GF Poetry Slam” and include your name and contact information in the email. Attach a signed Official Entry Form for each submission.
 - We are not responsible for entries that we do not receive for any reason. We will automatically disqualify any incomplete or inaudible entry. Submissions that do not comply with the Slam Rules are not eligible for consideration.
- Judges
 - Your poem and performance will be judged by five judges selected by the Whitefish Community Foundation. They will select up to ten entries as finalists to perform in the Great Fish Poetry Slam at the Great Fish Color Run and Community Celebration. The public then votes online for their favorite poem and performance.
- Live performance at the Great Fish Color Run
 - If you are a finalist, we will contact you by phone by August 30th.
 - Finalists must perform their poem in front of attendees at the Great Fish Color Run and Community Celebration on September 7th at Depot Park, Whitefish. *Please save the date in case you are a finalist!*
- **Contest Timeline**
 - **Contest is open until August 20th:** Entrants compose, record, and submit original poems celebrating the Great Fish Community Challenge.
 - **August 20th: 5pm MDT deadline to submit an entry form with original poem.**
 - **August 21st - August 29th:** an anonymous and unbiased panel of judges will review submissions and select up to 10 finalists based on creativity, originality, and relevance.
 - **August 30th:** On or before August 30th, finalists will be notified by phone.
 - **September 7th (Great Fish Color Run and Community Celebration):** The finalists will perform their submission live.
 - **September 7th – September 13th:** The community is encouraged to vote for their favorite poem through an online voting process.
 - **September 13th 5:00pm MDT:** Online voting is closed. The entry with the most community votes will be the winner.



- **In the event of a tie vote, a Whitefish Community Foundation panel of judges will decide the winner.**
- **September 24th:** Winner will be contacted by phone.
- **October 10th:** Winner will perform at the Great Fish Awards Celebration. The nonprofit to receive the winning grant is announced.

Use and Release

- The decision of the online voters and/or the judges is final and binding. If we do not receive a sufficient number of entries meeting the entry requirements, we may, at our discretion cancel the Slam.
- By entering this contest you agree to comply with the Slam Rules; and you release Whitefish Community Foundation, and its directors, officers, employees, agents, and affiliates from any and all liability or any injury, loss, or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with the Slam.
- By entering this contest, you grant Whitefish Community Foundation the right to use your name, photo, and state of residence online and in print, or in any other media, in connection with this contest, without payment or compensation to you.
- Finalists may be posted on Whitefish Community Foundation websites and/or social media.
- Whitefish Community Foundation may feature the winning video/poem on its homepage at www.whitefishcommunityfoundation.org, or in other online promotions. Whitefish Community Foundation will screen each video submitted and upload the video to their site at their discretion.
- You will not receive any compensation or credit for use of your entry, other than what is described in the Slam Rules.
- Whitefish Community Foundation is not responsible for any unauthorized use of your entry by visitors to the website or other third parties. While we reserve the right to use your entry, we are not obligated to use your entry for any purpose, even if it is selected as a winning entry.

Please contact the Whitefish Community Foundation Program & Outreach Officer, Lynnette Donaldson with questions about this contest: lynnette@whitefishcommunityfoundation.org or 406.863.1781.

Thank you in advance for participating in the Great Fish Poetry Slam!



**2019 Official Great Fish Color Run
and Community Celebration
Poetry Slam Release and Entry Form**

I am submitting an entry to the 2019 Great Fish Community Challenge Poetry Slam, and I hereby assign, transfer, and convey any and all rights and interest of my poem and performance of my poem to the Whitefish Community Foundation (the Foundation). I understand that this poem and performance becomes property of the Foundation.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Slam Rules, and my poem and performance comply with those rules.

I represent that I am the original author of this poem (or the parent or legal guardian of the original author) and submission of the poem and performance and use of the poem and performance by the Foundation does not infringe on or violate trademark, copyright, or any other intellectual property or other laws. I will indemnify and hold the Foundation, its directors, officers, employees, affiliates, and subsidiaries, agents, and contractors harmless from and pay any loss, debt, liability, damage, obligation, claim, demand, judgment, or settlement of any nature or kind, known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated, including without limitation, all reasonable costs and expenses incurred including all reasonable litigation costs and attorneys' fees arising out of or relating to a claim that submission of this poem and performance and use of the content by the Foundation infringes on or violates any trademark, copyright, intellectual property or other laws; infringes on any privacy, confidentiality, or privilege rights; or any such claim arising out of or related to a breach of the Slam Rules.

I agree that if I win the contest, I authorize the Foundation, without additional compensation, to use my name and likeness or photograph for promotional purposes in any manner and in any medium (including without limitation the internet, written or email communications, brochures, videos, slides, radio, television, and film) that the Foundation deems appropriate.

If I submit more than one entry, I will submit this signed form with each entry.

I agree that if I win this contest, the \$1,000.00 grant to a 2019 Great Fish Community Challenge participating nonprofit of my choice is fair and adequate compensation for my contest entry.

Poem Author Signature	Printed Name	Date
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Parental or Legal Guardian Signature	Printed Name	Date
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Email	Phone Number
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