

**PORT COLBORNE
FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**



**2025 INDIVIDUAL VERSE SPEAKING
SYLLABUS**

APRIL 29 – 30, 2025

ENTRIES CLOSE JANUARY 31, 2025

“Every day we spend without learning something is a day lost” – Beethoven

RULES & PROTOCOL FOR INDIVIDUAL VERSE SPEAKING CLASSES

1. Competitors may enter any Individual Verse Speaking class in which they are eligible. As Individual Verse Speaking classes have an age limit, ages are based as of **January 1, 2025.**
2. Any competitor, who is currently studying at an elementary school or secondary school level, is eligible to enter any of the Individual Verse Speaking classes.
3. Time restrictions must be adhered to. The penalty for exceeding the time allowance is a deduction of 5 marks.
4. **No props or costumes** may be used in Individual Verse Speaking presentations.
5. **GESTURES** may be used
6. Selections for Individual Verse Speaking **WILL NOT** be accepted from the Internet. Non-compliance will result in disqualification.
7. The competitor must provide an **ORIGINAL COPY** of the poem for the Adjudicator's use. This selection must be delivered to the Secretary prior to the beginning of the class and recovered immediately afterward. If an original copy is not provided, an adjudication will be given but **NO MARK** will be awarded.
8. Poems **MUST** be memorized. If the poem is referred to during the performance, an adjudication will be given but **NO MARK** will be awarded.
9. All competitors should be present fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled class time.
10. All candidates must be prepared to announce the poem that they intend to perform in a clear and audible voice. The student must also name the author of the work to be performed. Proper etiquette of bowing after a performance is the appropriate way to thank the audience for their applause.

AWARDS

Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. However, regardless of the number of entries, medals will be withheld unless the following marks are obtained:

1st Place - 80%

2nd Place - 75%

3rd Place - 70%

When a gold medal recipient is awarded a mark of 90 or over, this achievement will be recognized as **GOLD EXCELLENCE** and a gold excellence award seal will be placed on the certificate.

Certificates and adjudication sheets will be given to all participants.

It is hoped that more individual students participate in this fun class. Poems can be found in poetry books at the local library. Below is a list of some authors who write suitable poetry for individual verse speaking:

Suggested Authors/Books ~

Shel Silverstein ~

“Where the Sidewalk Ends”

“Falling Up”

Jack Prelutsky ~

“It’s Raining Pigs and Noodles”

“The Frogs Wore Suspenders”

“The Dragons are Singing Tonight”

Dennis Lee ~

“Garbage Delight”

“Bubblegum Delicious”

Bruce Lansky ~

“Kids Pick the Funniest Poems”

“My Dog Ate the Homework”

“Rolling in the Aisles”

INDIVIDUAL VERSE SPEAKING CLASSES – ENTRY FEE \$16.00

Class #

IVS 1. SIX (6) TO SEVEN (7) YEARS

Own Choice – 3 minute maximum

IVS 2. EIGHT (8) TO NINE (9) YEARS

Own Choice – 4 minute maximum

IVS 3. TEN (10) TO ELEVEN (11) YEARS

Own Choice – 5 minute maximum

IVS 4. TWELVE (12) TO THIRTEEN (13) YEARS

Own Choice – 6 minute maximum

IVS 5. FOURTEEN (14) TO FIFTEEN (15) YEARS

Own Choice – 7 minute maximum

IVS 6. SIXTEEN (16) TO EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS

Own Choice – 8 minutes maximum

ENTRIES AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN:

JANUARY 31st of the calendar year

A LATE FEE OF \$25.00 WILL BE CHARGED FOR ENTRIES/FEEES RECEIVED PAST THE DEADLINE OF JANUARY 31st.

NO entries/fees will be accepted one (1) week after this date.

TO REGISTER:

**A) PRINT AND SEND ENTRY FORM & CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER (CAD ONLY) TO:
PORT COLBORNE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

**P.O. BOX 531
PORT COLBORNE, ON L3K 5X7**

B) SUBMIT ENTRY FORM ELECTRONICALLY & PAY ONLINE USING PAYPAL OR E-TRANSFER

**C) SUBMIT ENTRY FORM ELECTRONICALLY & SEND PAYMENT (CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER) TO THE
ABOVE ADDRESS.**

*Note: Entry form will not be processed until payment is received.
All parts of the entry form must be complete*

Programs will be available in advance for \$4.00 each. These can be ordered on your entry form.
Cost at the door ~ \$5.00 each

There will be an admission charge at the door of \$2.00/day.
You will receive a stamp that will allow you to come & go throughout that day.
All participants and children 5 yrs. & under are exempt.