

AGTV Spachfest: Victoria Poetry Competition 2017

Who can enter? Only students learning German at AGTV members school in **Years 4 to 9**

NB: Schools who are not yet members can contact the AGTV to arrange registration.

What do students have to do? Select a poem from the AGTV list to learn to recite by heart.

Students from AGTV member schools enter the competition for the year level they are enrolled at school.

Students are only permitted to compete in ONE section and in only ONE Regional Final.

How many students can enter the Regional Final at each year level is a local network decision.

The teachers at each participating school decide which of their students will compete at the Regional Final.

The Year 4 Competition will be offered at the Regional Final only.

Eligible winners from Years 5 to 9 Regional Finals will be invited to enter the State Final.

NB: A PDF-certificate of participation will be forwarded to all schools participating to print for students.

Is there a cost?

Regional Final – the AGTV funds the medals for the Regional Finals. Some networks charge a small participation fee for each student to cover the cost of prizes and refreshments. This is decided and organised by individual networks.

State Final – there is no charge for the State Final. The AGTV covers all costs.

Structure of the Competition

There are two sections for the competition, the **DaF** (Deutsch als Fremdsprache) and **Open** sections.

Eligibility for the DaF Section

- Students learning German as an additional new language primarily from classroom exposure at an AGTV member school.

The teacher at the school determines the eligibility of students to enter the DaF section.

Eligibility for the Open Section

- Any student learning German at an AGTV member school may enter the Open Section.

Poems for DaF and Open Sections

- There are usually different poems for each year level in the DaF and Open sections.

Regional Finals

- Students compete for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at an AGTV endorsed Regional Final.
- The AGTV judging criteria is the same for DaF and Open sections at the Regional (and State) Final.

NB: There has been no additional compulsory poem for any level at the State Final for some years.

How to enter the AGTV Victorian Poetry Competition

Step 1: Registration your school's participation via a link under 'Noticeboard' on the AGTV website. One teacher of German at each participating school must act as contact person for the competition.

Step 2: Poems will be sent to contact teachers at schools. Those who have not received them need to contact the AGTV. Begin preparing students for the competition. *The judging criteria are on the next page.*

Step 3: The Network Leader/ Regional Final Convenor will provide the details of arrangements regarding the **Regional Final**. Select and enter students for the Regional final as prescribed in these details.

Step 4: Attend the Regional final and celebrate your students' great efforts: take photos, write a report for the newsletter, and remember to present certificates to all students who participated at your school.

This competition is supported by AGTV memberships and the Victorian government.

Tips for Classroom Teachers

The AGTV suggests setting this as a formal assessment task for the Communicating sub-strand 'systems of language'. Students learn to read a poem aloud focusing on using correct pronunciation, intonation and phrasing. Those students wishing to enter the AGTV competition would need to recite the poem by heart.

Some schools may offer it as an activity for students in the school's German Club.

Schools could also run their own internal competition to maximise publicity for the German program. Remember to invite the principal to present certificates. Take photos of individuals or the group to show families at parent teacher evenings or to email to families.

Judging Criteria to be applied at the Regional and State Finals

AGTV Advice to Teachers and Judges

The student selects a poem from the AGTV list to recite by heart.

No props or costumes are allowed. There is no requirement by the AGTV to wear uniform.

The AGTV criteria emphasise delivery via voice and phrasing with limited (if any) gestures, and only as would be appropriate for a German-speaking audience.

Scoring of Criteria

Satisfactory Medium High Very High

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Judges decisions are final. Scoresheets will NOT be available to students, teachers of families.

AGTV Criteria	SCORE
Pronunciation and Intonation The words are pronounced correctly with confidence.	/10
Diction and Phrasing The phrases are distinct and appropriately emphasized e.g. tempo, stress, pauses.	/10
Interpretation and Insight How effectively her/his understanding of the mood and meaning of the poem is conveyed. This includes the overall tone and use of voice, eye contact, facial expressions and, in some instances, limited gestures as appropriate for a recitation to a German-speaking community.	/10
TOTAL SCORE	/30

Please direct questions about the Regional Final to the Regional Final Coordinator or Network Leader.

Questions about the poems or the State Final: poetry@agtv.vic.edu.au

Questions about school membership and registration of participation: agtv@agtv.vic.edu.au