

Denton Juneteenth Celebration 2020  
Poetry Slam Rules and Expectations

For the Poetry Slam, the Juneteenth Celebration Committee is seeking 5 poets that are willing to recite original, creative poetry in an artistic format on the topic area of “Juneteenth or Freedom”. Yes, the two should be the same; however, using “Freedom” provides an opportunity to reach a broader audience.

**RULES and EXPECTATIONS:**

1. Poems must address topics of Juneteenth, Freedom, Emancipation, etc.
2. Poems must be original, creative and have artistic quality.
3. ALL poems must be CLEAN and FAMILY FRIENDLY.
4. Preferably, poems should move toward a positive perspective. Poems containing profanity, vulgarity or offensive material are automatically disqualified.
5. Length requirement: 4 minute minimum, 5 minute maximum.
6. Poet must give authorization for original pieces to be aired on Denton Access Television and the Juneteenth website, and published in the annual Juneteenth program book. An electronic copy of the poem must be provided.
7. Poet must submit photograph and biography for the annual book.
8. Recitations must be pre-recorded and sent in by May. (Date TBA)
9. Poet must submit photograph and brief biography for the annual book.
10. One piece per poet allowed.

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