



## **April Financial Literacy and Poetry Month Competition**

### **Win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card**

April is a month of financial literacy and poetry and we're here to say, We have a contest, and we'd like you to play!

Using a financial literacy term write a poem of your own. It's a fun way to make your understanding of the term known.

Once written, recite it in spoken word with verse, slam a rap, or song. Just remember the maximum is two minutes long.

**Competition Entry Dates:** January 12th – April 10<sup>th</sup> (all videos must be received by 5 p.m. on April 10, 2026).

**Eligibility:** There will be four levels of competition.

- Elementary – Grades K-5 students
- Middle School – Grades 6-8 students
- High School – Grades 9-12 students
- Teachers – Grades K-12
- Employees and their immediate families (spouses, parents, siblings, children, and each of the respective spouses or other people living in the same household of each) of MCEE and members of our Board of Trustees are not eligible to participate.

### **Entry Information:**

- A financial literacy topic such as spending, saving, budgeting, compound interest, stocks, stock market, building wealth...must be used.
- Video performing the poem must be no more than one minute long with the ideal video quality being 1920 x 1080p.
- Videos must feature horizontal (wide) orientation, like a movie screen. Vertical (tall) videos will be disqualified.
- All video content including music must be **original (not copyrighted)**. Video must not contain any copyrighted materials such as company logos, product brands, or store names.

- Groups cannot enter the contest. Groups may be in the video, but only one contestant may be entered on the Financial Literacy/Poetry Contest Entry Form.
- Each contestant may only submit one video.
- Videos may not have been previously submitted, distributed, or aired or have won any other award in any other competition.
- No obligation or liability is assumed by MCEE in connection with the contest.

#### **How to Enter:**

- Please complete and return the Financial Literacy/Poetry Contest Entry Form to [mcee@towson.edu](mailto:mcee@towson.edu) by 5 p.m. on April 10, 2026.
- In the same email please attach your video in an MP4 format or upload your video to your personal YouTube account and include a link with your entry form.
- No special equipment is required to submit your video. Videos must be captured using a cell phone camera. Professional quality is not required but please make sure your video is filmed in adequate lighting and free of external sounds that may be distracting.

#### **Entries will be evaluated based on:**

- Ability to express your poem in spoken word.
- Inclusion of a financial literacy topic.
- Quality including characteristics such as accuracy, creativity, persuasiveness, clarity, and overall visual and audio appeal.

All judgements are final. Submission indicates acceptance of contest rules.

MCEE will recognize and honor the top prize winners at the MCEE Awards Luncheon in May. All winning videos will be showcased on the MCEE website, on social media, and in media announcements.

Winners will be announced on the last day of April, “Financial Literacy Month”

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