



# Poetry Out Loud State Winners



Elizabeth was named the 2024 Poetry Out Loud Nebraska State Champion. Elizabeth was one of six students from high schools across the state who competed for the title on Saturday, March 9, at the Sheldon Museum of Art in Lincoln. William Mortensen from Wahoor High School was named first runner-up, and Carlee Livingston from Summerland Public School.

The event featured special guest presenter, Maria Corpuz, and Emcee, Nebraska State Poet Matt Mason.



## Legislative Updates

Nebraskans for the Arts is still listening and engaging with our senators during these last few weeks of this legislative session. Most of the focus is on various tax bills that will have an indirect impact on the arts and arts education.

More information may be found on the [NFTA Legislative Updates](#).

LB1067 - Inheritance Tax which could impact the use of Visitors Promotion/Improvement Funds still in first round debate.  
LB1412 and LB1413 - State budget bills are moving to next round of debates.  
Tax rate bills must be passed by April 4th. If they do not fully fund the Governor's plan to reduce property taxes by 40%, he has indicated a special session will be called to continue the process.



## ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

### Artist Opportunities supported by Nebraska Arts Council

Please check out artist in residency and calls for artist exhibitions that are coming up later this spring and summer.

Please check out the [Artist Opportunities](#) available on the NAC website.

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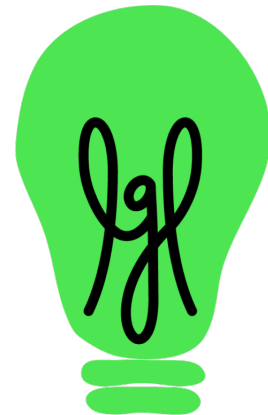
## NFTA Membership Updates

### Navigating to Little Green Light

NFTA is navigating to a new membership database system called Little Green Light over the next two months. This does not change or impact you as a member or the different levels of donation. There will be slight changes and additions to how you are notified of membership renewal and acknowledgements. We will alert current members of those changes once we go live with Little Green Light.

NFTA's fiscal year and membership timeline is July 1 - June 30.

**There is still time to RENEW or become a NEW member of Nebraskans for the Arts.**



### We need your voice for the Arts!

"Advocacy is a wellness program, not an emergency room visit!"  
With that analogy, think of joining NFTA as your "health program for the arts".  
Together, we can make a difference.

Individual memberships start at \$25/year.

**Creative Districts is a new membership level and we welcome you to join NFTA.**

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