

Poets, Spoken Word Artists, Emcees, Writers, Performers, and Parents:

Youth Speaks Nashville finished the year by taking 6 Tennessee poets to compete in an international poetry slam in Los Angeles where Common, Rosario Dawson, and HBO graced the final stage.

During the year, young writers were mastering the art of spoken word, transforming into beasts, and performing at the following venues to great acclaim.

- CMT Studios
- Rutledge LMV
- Vanderbilt University
- Lipscomb University
- American Baptist College
- Belmont University
- Tennessee State University
- Jefferson St. Missionary Baptist Church for MLK Day
- Metro Courthouse for the Citizen Celebration
- TedxNashville
- Dark Horse Theater as part of the Spoken Word Census
- African Street Festival
- Southern Festival of Books
- Chicago
- Los Angeles

Our first two workshop series will kick off in September and last eight weeks as a lead-up to The State of the Word at Vanderbilt on Saturday, November 6th.

- A high school workshop series will meet on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:00p at Nashville Public Library's Main Library Downtown beginning September 16th.
- A middle school workshop series for ages 11 - 14 will meet at the East Library on Wednesdays from 4:00 - 5:30p beginning September 15th.

If you are a writer or performer, this is what is happening now.

Fill out the application and return it. People who truly live their lives do things. This is one of them.

In Peace & Poetry,
Youth Speaks Nashville

APPLICATION 2010 – 2011

Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.:	
D.O.B.:		Gender:			
Street Address:		City:		Zip:	
Home Phone:		Cell or Message Phone:			
E-Mail Address:		Website:			
I am a (check all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/> Poet	<input type="checkbox"/> Spoken Word Artist	<input type="checkbox"/> Emcee	<input type="checkbox"/> Organizer	<input type="checkbox"/> Just interested in learning new things
Ethnic Identity:					
<input type="checkbox"/> African - American	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian American		<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander		
<input type="checkbox"/> White, Caucasian	<input type="checkbox"/> Mexican American, Chicano		<input type="checkbox"/> Latino		
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial/Multicultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Decline to State		
Workshop Series:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Ages 14 - 18 - Thursdays - Downtown Library: 615 Church St. beginning September 16 th					
<input type="checkbox"/> Ages 11 - 14 – Wednesdays – East Library: 206 Gallatin beginning September 15 th					
Interested if there was a workshop at		<input type="checkbox"/> Looby Branch	<input type="checkbox"/> Pruitt Branch	<input type="checkbox"/> North Branch	

BACKGROUND AND EDUCATION INFORMATION

(All information gathered is kept strictly confidential. GPA is not a main determinant of eligibility.)

Current School:		District:		Grade:		GPA:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	I qualify for free or reduced lunch		<input type="checkbox"/> Not currently enrolled in school			
Parent/Guardian 1	Last Name:		First Name:		Phone:		
Parent/Guardian 2	Last Name:		First Name:		Phone:		
Do you have reliable transportation?		<input type="checkbox"/> Car	<input type="checkbox"/> Bus	<input type="checkbox"/> Bike	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
What languages are spoken in your home?		<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____				

Please write some words on this page. No rules. Just poetry. Or not.

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