

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

Youth Speaks Nashville had an incredible first year. While Youth Speaks was placing poets on television and in the White House nationally, Youth Speaks Nashville was giving young artists in Tennessee fantastic opportunities. In addition to the writing and performance development in workshops, writers from Youth Speaks Nashville:

- Traveled to Washington to participate in an international poetry festival and slam.
- Performed at Vanderbilt's Langford Auditorium at The State of the Word.
- Recorded and videotaped performances in the studio as part of Black History House.
- Performed in the Tennessee State Senate courtesy of Senator Thelma Harper.
- Competed at Tennessee State University in the Mid South Grand Slam Final.
- Traveled to Chicago to participate in an international poetry festival and slam.
- Recorded at CMT Studios with Lance Smith.
- Joined a team of poets who travel nationally to speak out on urban environmental concerns.
- Won a national emcee competition.
- Performed at a feature event with Saul Williams in Chicago.

Our first three workshop series will kick off in September and last eight to ten weeks as a lead-up to The State of the Word at Vanderbilt on November 7th.

- The State of the Word Workshop I for ages 15 - 19 will meet at the Youth Opportunity Center on Tuesdays from 3:30 - 5:00p beginning September 15th.
- The State of the Word Workshop II for ages 11 - 14 will meet at the East Library on Wednesdays from 4:00 - 5:30p beginning September 2nd.
- One High School workshop series will meet on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:00p at Nashville Public Library's Main Library Downtown beginning September 3rd.

We are also planning a workshop series in the Spring as a lead-up to Black History House and the Mid South Grand Slam Final. Writers who show up consistently see their writing and performing explode and end up with the larger opportunities. We hope you will join this growing movement.

In Peace & Poetry,
Youth Speaks Nashville

YOUTH APPLICATION 2009 - 2010

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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	
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"/> SOTW I - Ages 15 - 19 - Tuesdays – YOC: 1704 Charlotte Ave., Suite 200 beginning September 15th					
<input type="checkbox"/> SOTW II - Ages 11 - 14 – Wednesdays – East Library: 206 Gallatin beginning September 2nd					
<input type="checkbox"/> Spokes – Ages 15 – 19 - Thursdays - Downtown Library: 615 Church St. beginning September 3rd					

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"/> _____					

Acceptance into the workshops series will be determined by what you write on this page. No rules. Just poetry. Or not.

Waivers, Releases, and Permissions:

1. I permit _____ to participate in Youth Speaks Nashville programs and activities.
2. **Media** – I authorize Youth Speaks Nashville the right to use adapt, modify, reproduce, distribute, publicly perform and display, in any form now known or later developed, the photographs, images, film, video, recordings or tape taken of _____ by or on behalf of Youth Speaks Nashville for promotional, fundraising, or archival purposes.
3. **Transportation** – I give consent to Youth Speaks Nashville to transport my child via van or in the personal vehicles of Youth Speaks Nashville designated staff for Youth Speaks Nashville related activities. Also, I understand that Youth Speaks Nashville is not responsible for transporting my child to or from programs or events.
4. **Medical** - In case of emergency, I give Youth Speaks Nashville and its staff permission to act as they feel necessary to provide emergency medical or other care for my child. I have provided emergency contact information for myself and one additional person in the event of an emergency.
5. **Mentor Policy** – Youth Speaks Nashville strives to employ the very best staff and writer mentors possible in our programs. Outside of program hours, staff and writer mentors are no longer employed with Youth Speaks Nashville. These persons are private citizens and are no longer subject to our employment rules and procedures. Youth Speaks Nashville asks youth, staff, and writer mentors to restrict interactions to established program and event hours. I agree that Youth Speaks Nashville shall not be responsible and will be held harmless from any claims or liability in connection with activities outside of designated program activities.
6. **Indemnity** – I understand that Youth Speaks Nashville activities have inherent risks, and I hereby assume all risks and hazards incident to my participation/my child’s participation in all Youth Speaks Nashville activities. I further waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless Youth Speaks Nashville and its employees, organizers, volunteers, supervisors, officers, directors, participants, coaches and referees, as well as all persons or parents transporting participants to and from activities, from any legal claims, liabilities, damages and costs for any physical injury or damage to my personal property sustained during my participation/my child’s participation in any Youth Speaks Nashville activities.
7. **Personal Items** - I understand that Youth Speaks Nashville is not responsible for any personal items lost or stolen at our programs.

Signature

Date

If Signatory is under 18:

I represent and warrant that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor whose name appears above, that I have read and approve of the foregoing Agreement, and consent to its execution by my child/ward.

Parent’s Signature

Date

Printed Name

INDIVIDUAL EMERGENCY CONTACT SHEET

Name (last, first): _____

Emergency Contact #1 _____

Relationship to Poet _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Emergency Contact #2 _____

Relationship to Poet _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Emergency Contact #3 _____
(optional)

Relationship to Poet _____

Phone Number(s) _____