

Young Writers Project 2023



[The Carnegie Center](#) invites young women and nonbinary writers in grades 9–12 to apply to the Young Writers Project, a **FREE** series of intensive workshops focused on creative self-expression through writing. The selected group of participants will attend seven sessions (see below). In these workshops, experienced writers in their 20s and 30s will mentor on a variety of genres, encouraging participants to look within themselves for issues that are important in their lives. Participants will also learn techniques to deliver an effective literary reading and other business-of-writing tips. The program will culminate with one public reading and a Writing Mentor Day. Previously called the Young Women Writers Project, the Young Writers Project welcomes writers of all historically underrepresented genders who celebrate varied expressions of feminism.

WHERE & WHEN: All sessions take place from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. either virtually via Zoom or at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning (251 W. Second Street, in downtown Lexington, KY). Participants must commit to attending all seven sessions.

February 11: Cohort Success Workshop – Elizabeth Kilcoyne

February 18: Setting as Character – Olivia Cole

February 25: Developing Authentic Characters – Ashley Blooms

March 4: BREAK - NO WORKSHOP

March 11: Novel Forms – Mariama Lockington

March 18: Poetry Boot Camp – NitaJade Jackson

March 25: Graphic Memoir – Danni Quintos

April 8: Poetry and Pop Culture – Savannah Sipple

MENTORING DAY: Participants will be required to attend a Writing Mentoring Day at a local elementary school (typically one weekday in April from 3-5 PM; exact date/time TBD). The Carnegie Center can provide a letter to schools requesting early dismissal if needed. Participants will work in pairs, small groups, or individually on creative writing exercises with 4th and 5th grade girls. Cash stipends are provided for Mentoring Day participation.

PUBLIC READINGS: Participants will be invited to showcase their writing talents in one public reading on Tuesday, May 9, at 5:30pm. Participation in the public reading is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged. Cash stipends are provided for participation in the May reading.

COST: There is NO application fee or participation fee. Students admitted to the program will receive full scholarships covering all instruction and materials. Participants are asked to bring their own bag lunches, as lunch will not be provided. The Young Writers Project is funded in part by the Kentucky Foundation for Women.

APPLICATION MATERIALS: To be considered for the program, please submit the following:

- a completed cover sheet (below)
- a one-page letter stating your interest and motivations for participation
- a writing sample (5 pages maximum)
- a photo/video release form (*if you do not give us permission to use your photo, please make a note on the form*)

APPLICATION MENTORING: Mentors are available to you for free to assist with preparing your application materials and work sample. All interested applicants are encouraged to schedule time with a mentor. Please reach out ahead of the application deadline.

This program welcomes participants with diverse expressions of cultural identity; from varying communities of place; and with a range of worldviews, races, ethnicities, gender identities, sexual orientations, and levels of ability.

THREE WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION:

- Application should be postmarked and mailed no later than **FRIDAY, JANUARY 13** *
- Hand-deliver your application to the Carnegie Center no later than **FRIDAY, JANUARY 13**
- Email your application to Z Jackson at zjackson@carnegiecenterlex.org by 5:00 PM on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 13**. The email subject should be: **Young Writers Project Application**

*** If you are mailing your application, please send it to this address:**

Young Writers Project
The Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning
251 West Second Street
Lexington, KY 40507

For more information, or any questions, contact Z Jackson at zjackson@carnegiecenterlex.org or 859-254-4175, ext. 32.

The 2023 cohort will be limited to 15 Young Writers.

Applicants will be notified no later than February 1.

Young Writers Project 2023 Cover Sheet



Applicant Name _____

Guardian Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Phone Number _____ Guardian Phone Number _____

Applicant Email Address _____

Guardian Email Address _____

Grade _____ School _____

How did you learn about the Young Women Writers Project?

If selected to participate in the Young Writers Project, I commit to attending all seven sessions and the Writing Mentoring Day. I will also attend the public readings if at all possible. I understand that this program welcomes participants with diverse expressions of cultural identity; from varying communities of place; and with a range of worldviews, races, ethnicities, gender identities, sexual orientations, and levels of ability.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Thanks to our funder!



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Photograph & Video Release Form



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- conference presentations
- educational presentations or courses
- informational presentations
- on-line educational courses
- educational videos
- media coverage
- program publicity
- grant reports

By signing this release, I understand this permission signifies that photographic or video recordings of me may be electronically displayed via the Internet or in the public educational setting.

I will be consulted about the use of the photographs or video recording for any purpose other than those listed above.

There is no time limit on the validity of this release nor is there any geographic limitation on where these materials may be distributed.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understand the above release and agree to be bound thereby. I hereby release any and all claims against any person or organization utilizing this material for educational purposes.

Applicant Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

(If under 18) Parent's Signature _____

Date _____