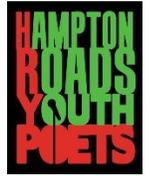




HAMPTON ROADS YOUTH POETS SLAM TEAM

AUDITION & POINT SYSTEM INFO



All questions can be directed to TWPDirect@gmail.com

Qualifications - The Hampton Roads Youth Poets Slam Team (HRYPST) is a program of Teens With a Purpose, a nonprofit organization It is open to all Hampton Roads youth ages 13-19 years old. All interested youth poets must fill out an application and get approval of parent/guardian to join the year-long program. Poets must be able to attend weekly meetings and special events with the team. No experience is necessary.

Process - Applicants will be evaluated based on our point system. In addition to competing in and winning slams, students earn points by participating in workshops, open mics, auditions, special events, and showing commitment to Teens With a Purpose events, ideals, mission and goals. These points help determine who makes the team. The process looks like this:

Workshops & Qualifying Prelim Slams > Semi-Finals > Auditions > Finals

All interested poets should attend and participate in teen gatherings, workshops and qualifying preliminary slams in the fall and winter. Teens gathers are every Monday 5:30-7:30pm at the VCM Teen Center, Workshops are every Tuesday 5:30-7:30pm at the VCM Teen Center, and Open Mics are every 3rd Wednesday at the VCM Teen Center (not during slam season), and additional workshops and special events are scheduled throughout the year. The top point earners will advance to Semi-Finals in January. Between Semi-Finals and Finals, these qualifying poets will go through auditions, through which the 12 making the team and Finals will be determined. TWP staff will be tracking each candidates' points and attendance.

Auditions - After the Semi-Final Slam, and before the Finals, all qualifying students will attend auditions. At auditions poets will perform 2-3 poems, answer questions, participate in a group activity, and sign an agreement form. A panel of coaches, teaching artists, and other staff members will assign up to 5.0 points here.

Point System - To qualify for the 2016 Semi-Finals, a poet must earn at least 1.5 points. To qualify for an audition, a poet must earn at least 3 points.

WHAT TO DO	POINTS
Attend or Participate in TWP Workshop/Event	0.25
Compete in Qualifying TWP Slam	0.25
Assist in co-facilitating a Workshop	0.5
Place in top 4 at Qualifying Prelim Slam	1.0
Place in top 10 at Semi-Finals	3.0
Auditions	Up to 5.0

Team - There are high expectations for everyone on the team, including weekly meetings, practices, monthly slams and open mics, and many other performances. Do not try out for the team if you cannot make the commitment for the entire year or already have too many obligations.

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