



“Writing with Podium **helps me communicate** with clarity while **being more productive and focused.**”
– Taliya, Armstrong High School

Who we are:

Founded in 2008, Podium RVA empowers youth self-advocacy and education through effective communication. By hosting weekly writing workshops, producing youth publications and showcases, and in our teen professional development programs, Podium works towards a Greater Richmond where all children have equitable opportunities to define and build plans for their future success.

Programs:

- **For youth ages 11 - 14:** The Teen Scene, Loving Our Languages, Weekly Word, Prep Your Next Step, and The STEAM Machine.
- **For youth ages 14 - 20:** Power of the Pen, Loving Our Languages, the Writing Mentorship Project, and Teen Professional Conference.



Topics Covered

- Creative prose and story-telling
- Poetry and spoken word
- Journalism and mass communications
- Community justice and self-advocacy
- Science fiction, innovation, & future planning
- Debate and expository writing
- Supporting English language learners
- Peer mentorship
- Financial literacy
- Preparing for high school
- Preparing for college and career

In Podium programs, youth

1. Build self-confidence, critical thinking skills, and academic achievement
2. Use writing and communication as tools for personal wellness and growth
3. Create a plan for high school, college, and career

Contact us!

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