

**\*\*Please note, we need instructors and volunteers:** Our greatest need is instructors. If you are not able to make all sessions, but are interested in being a floating instructor, we can still use your help! Please respond asap to Robyn Evans at [birthwrite@gmail.com](mailto:birthwrite@gmail.com) and she will connect you to the head of the program. Please also visit [www.youthwritersrock.com](http://www.youthwritersrock.com) to get a feel for the program.

The sessions take place in the Waverly branch of Enoch Pratt Library, 400 E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218.

### **Criteria for instructors:**

We are looking for people who enjoy working with young people and feel comfortable with instruction. This may be ideal for teachers, retired educators, daycare workers, child education majors, journalism majors, journalists, Sunday School teachers, poets, artists, retired professors, training specialists, writers, bloggers, authors, and editors. If you have a love for language and children and have the time to spare, this might be a good fit. As an instructor, you will be working side by side with young people to help them write stories that will be compiled into a book.

We will have three groups of students: elementary, middle and high school. You will only need to work with your assigned group of students. We are looking for two instructors for each group.

### **Minimum qualifications**

- Must agree to be subject to a criminal background check
- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must have transportation to and from the writing sessions
- Must be willing to sign an agreement for services rendered and adhere to expectations
- Must have a laptop and comfort level with using the Internet and Microsoft Word and/or Google Docs
- Must be committed to being present for four hours every Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm from the second week of January 2020 through the first week of June 2020 (depending on the progress of the student writing projects, there may be additional sessions added in June)
- Must be comfortable working one-on-one with students and leading a small group of up to four students
- Must be comfortable working with another instructor to guide the assigned group of students

- Must be comfortable talking with the students to help them develop their stories and able to ask open-ended questions
- Must have a comfort level with working with students of elementary, middle, or high school age

### **Desired qualifications**

- Enjoys reading and writing and has experience with writing a book or blogging
- Has a background in instruction
- Able to share techniques to help the children write effectively and efficiently

### **Criteria for volunteers:**

We are looking for people who want to help young people win and are willing to volunteer time to perform tasks as needed to support YWR. Having a background in instruction or writing is not necessary. You may be called upon to contact venues for YWR events, run errands or perform general tasks to ensure that the sessions run smoothly. While there is no requirement to attend the sessions, you are welcome to sit in and lend a hand to the instructors. This is a perfect opportunity for college interns who want to work with children in their prospective careers, retirees who enjoy supporting positive activities for youth, and people with a spirit of volunteerism.

### **Minimum qualifications**

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must have access to transportation
- Must be willing to make phone calls or travel to perform volunteer duties