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## Young Writers Program

SOMOS' Young Writers Program was founded in 1999 and over the years has expanded from a four-month/year program to a ten-month/year (in 2014) to correspond with the student's academic school year. The YWP offers: 1) one-on-one mentoring, pairing an adult writer with a student, aged 10-19; 2) a biweekly writer group for young writers, with frequent guest writers on a variety of topics - graphic novels, anime, short stories, activism, poetry, memoir; and 3) writers-in-the-schools in which SOMOS provides experienced writing instructors to seven local middle and high schools, as well as a transitional living shelter for teens (13-22) and a drug & alcohol rehabilitation treatment center for Native Americans. The YW's read their work during two auspicious events/year: The Young Writers Night at the Harwood Museum (always a full house) and during April Poetry Month. In the past two years we've collaborated with other community organizations (PASEO, Twirl, Town Library, Dreamtree, Butterfly Ranch, Taos Poetry Festival, to name a few) to enhance our community outreach efforts and to expand our student/adult base.

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### Details

**Ages:** Children and Youth

**Races:** All

**Genders:** All

**Intake Process:** Call Email Walk-In

**Documentation:** No identification needed

**Payment Options:** Free

**Special Needs:** Abused or neglected Physical or cognitive disabilities

**Waiting List:** Never

**Minimum Age:** ten

**Maximum Age:** 19

**Contact:** Jan Smith

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**Capacity:** Taos

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### Services

Education Youth Development Arts & Culture

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### Locations

#### SOMOS

*108 Civic Plaza Drive, Ste B  
Taos, NM 87571*

**Phone:**

(575) 758-0081

**Hours:** Tues-Sat 12-4; and other hours depending upon program events

**Languages Spoken:** English Spanish

**Services Limited By Geography:** within driving distance; primarily Taos County

**Geographic Area Served:** Mora County Rio Arriba County Taos County

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## **Parent Organization**

### **SOMOS: Society of the Muse of the Southwest**

We support and nurture the literary arts, written and spoken, by providing both place and resources for writers, readers, and learners while honoring the cultural diversity of Taos and the Southwest.

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