

ABOUT MIA CLEMONS

Mia Clemons is a 15-year-old award-winning writer who uses her talents to change the world through the written word. Her pieces revolve around thought-provoking discussions and critical thinking, most of which detail the African American experience.

Mia has received many awards for her writing from organizations like the NAACP, the Shanango Valley Urban League and the Democratic Women of Mercer County. She's also a staff writer for the column "The Culture of Controversary" and works at SLB Radio where she develops, writes and produces podcasts and other journalistic media.

Mia is currently writing a spoken word poem for the upcoming film *Ebony Canal*, directed by 4-time Emmy Award winner Emmaí Alaquavia, about the disparities of Black women and children in maternal and fetal medical care. Her poem will be featured in the film and narrated by former First Lady Michelle Obama.

Outside of writing, Mia is a political activist, working with her local representatives to better her community, empower people to vote and encourage child literacy. She also serves as the first and only youth representative to the Democratic Women of Mercer County.

Mia is also the founder of her own nonprofit Mia's Magical Book Foundation, an organization she began in 2015 to promote literacy and provide books to elementary school children. She's currently working with the Farrell CAE to create a poetry curriculum to teach students the importance of self-expression.

Mia hopes to soon expand her nonprofit to children's hospitals and juvenile detention centers and will be travelling to Ghana this summer to teach poetry.

