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Miller Arts Scholars Minigrant Application

### Poetry Books

Growing up, my entry to the poetry community was through high-school slams and local open mics. Since then, I have spent years heavily invested in various competitive spoken word poetry venues, gifted with the opportunity to learn from various coaches and mentors. However, the written works of vibrant contemporary poets are also integral to a well-rounded poetry education, and my English syllabi are not sufficient. With a minigrant, I would be able to purchase and read approximately thirty additional poetry books. This would be an opportunity to innovate in my own poetics, transforming the ways I think about form and language. There are many tools that can be utilized exclusively through the written medium that differ from my experience writing spoken word, and I look forward to the opportunity to grow in these aspects. Through the Poetry CIO at UVa, Flux, I also host writing workshops. A broader background of poetry would allow me to serve better in this capacity, as I would have more points of reference that could act as inspiration during these events.

### Timeline:

- Late March: Purchase books
- Beyond: Incorporate what I learned in this festival in all subsequent writing, as well as the poetry events and workshops I will continue to host in the future.

### Budget:

Suggested Poetry Books	Author	Price
Night Sky with Exit Wounds	Ocean Vuong	16
Sympathetic Little Monster	Cam Awkward-Rich	15
The Tradition	Jericho Brown	17
If They Come for Us	Fatimah Asghar	16
Teeth	Aracelis Girmay	16.95
Fuchsia	Mahtem Shifferaw	13.86
The Book of Delights	Ross Gay	22.21
The Collected Poems of Lucille Clifton, 1965-2010	Lucille Clifton	32.45
Black Girl Magic	Anthology	19.95
BlackGirl Mansion	Angel Nafis	12
Breakbeat poets - New American Poetry in the Age of Hip-Hop	Quraysh Ali Lansana	17.96
Odes to Lithium	Shira Erlichman	17.90
Homie	Danez Smith	16

Doomstead Days	Brian Teare	13.49
Mess and Mess and	Douglas Kearney	15
The Black Automaton	Douglas Kearney	15
Zong!	M. NourbeSe Philip	18
A Poetry Handbook	Mary Oliver	13
Bringing the Shovel Down	Ross Gay	14
Even the Saints Audition	Raych Jackson	16
Coal	Audre Lorde	15.95
Pardon My Heart	Marcus Jackson	16.95
A Jazz Funeral for Uncle Tom	Harmony Holiday	18
Heart Like a Window, Mouth Like A Cliff	Sara Borjas	14.99
Citizen Illegal	José Olivarez	21.99
Mend	Kwoya Fagin Maples	19.95
Jazzercise is a Language	Gabriel Ojeda- Sague	18
The Year of Blue Water	Yanyi	14.59
When I Grow Up I Want to Be a List of Further Possibilities	Chen Chen	16
View with a Grain of Sand: Selected Poems	Wislaw Szymborska	5.81

**Total: \$500.00**