



A year in the life of a Poet-Athlete!

Our vision for your poet-athlete

America SCORES St. Louis empowers students in urban communities using soccer, writing, creative expression, and service-learning, inspiring each Poet-Athlete to **lead a healthier life, be a more engaged student, and have the confidence and character to make a difference in the world.**



The SCORES experience for your poet-athlete

America SCORES St. Louis is a 501(c)(3) youth development program which uses a national, evidence-based model currently serving 210 children at 7 public elementary schools in St. Louis city.

Every day after school, for 10 weeks each fall and spring, your poet-athlete (age 8-11) participates in:

- Creative writing and service-learning workshops; 2 days per week
- Soccer practice and nutrition education; 2 days per week
- Soccer games unifying all SCORES schools; 1 day per week

Every year, your poet-athlete attends a variety of events with all SCORES schools which unite the community:

- *Fall Frenzy* celebrates soccer and healthy living each September
- *Poetry SLAM!* features student performances of original poems each November, and two poet-athletes are selected to perform at the *National Poetry SLAM!* in New York each April.
- *SHOUT! Day of Action* brings all SCORES schools together to complete a service project each April
- *Jamboree* celebrates teamwork and leadership at a soccer tournament each May.



What your poet-athlete can achieve

Last year, **73%** of our poet-athletes **improved their writing skills**, **70%** of poet-athletes at risk of obesity **achieved a healthier weight**, and **91%** showed **greater effort and motivation** to attend school.



By sponsoring a poet-athlete, you can ensure a child is onstage or on the field after school!
Contact Teresa at tvonstamwitz@americascors.org or 314.533.0302 x205 to learn more.