# Sofia Kamal

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## EDUCATION

**Stanford University** **Stanford, CA**
*Bachelor of Arts, Art Practice* *2029*
GPA: N/A
Relevant Coursework: Introduction to IDA: Power, Art, and Practice; Conjure Art 101: Performances of Ritual, Spirituality and Decolonial Black Feminist Magic; Math 51; Entrepreneurial Thought Leaders' Seminar; Painting Off the Wall; Light and Shadow II

**Rancho Solano Preparatory School** **Phoenix, AZ**
*GPA: 4.47* *2025*
*IB Diploma Recipient, Honor Roll*
*Recipient of English Department Award (2025)*

## LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERISM

**National Student Poets Program**
*National Student Poet of the Southwest* *September 2024-August 2025*
- Organized service project, a series of poetry open mic nights as fundraisers for humanitarian aid in war zones, raising $1085 for Islamic Relief and Middle East Children's Alliance
- Performed at the Kennedy Center (November 2024) and Carnegie Hall (June 2025)

**CIRCLE Women** **Lahore, Pakistan**
*Intern* *Summer 2024*
- Internship at CIRCLE, a nonprofit organization in Pakistan with the goal of empowering women through digital literacy and entrepreneurial skills, pulling women out of poverty and encouraging financial independence
- Worked with the marketing and social media team, focusing on research for future initiatives, expanding CIRCLE beyond Pakistan, increasing community engagement/visibility through digital platforms, and budgeting
- Assisted in multiple digital literacy workshops for around 30 female business owners, which focused on teaching digital skills and tools to women to expand their businesses

**Arizona State University's Young Adult Writer's Program** **Phoenix, AZ**
*Workshop Coordinator* *June 2025*
- Planned and conducted a series of poetry workshops for elementary and high school students for ASU's YAWP summer program
- Taught in 2 repeated sessions of the programs, each time leading 2 workshops: one for around 20 elementary students ($1^{st}$ – $5^{th}$ grade) and one for around 30 middle and high school students ($6^{th}$ – $12^{th}$ grade)

**Fundraising Collaboration with Institute for Diversity in the Arts** **Stanford, CA**
*Project Coordinator* *December 2025*
- Collaborated with Stanford's IDA on self-directed initiative to host an art market fundraising for Sudan through Islamic Relief
- Sold 17 prints of my own and others' work, raising $425

**Pegasus Literary Magazine Editorial Board** **Phoenix, AZ**
*Poetry Editor in Chief* *2023-2025*

- Reviewed over 500 poems and other creative writing pieces for acceptance/rejection from *Pegasus Volume IX*
- *Pegasus Volume IX* received a gold medal from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, First Place with Special Merit from the American Scholastic Press Association, and REALM First Class from the National Council of Teacher's of English's Recognizing Excellence in Art and Literary Magazines Contest

**Islamic Center of North East Valley** **Phoenix, AZ**
*Outreach Volunteer* *2018-2025*

- Worked for refugee empowerment and aid programs, which involved tutoring, fundraising, donation drives, and setting up library and learning spaces
- Set up and helped manage Bake Sales put together by Syrian Refugees: all funds went to supporting Syrian families while celebrating their culture and cooking

**Epidemiology Research with PhD Candidate at University of South Florida**
*Researcher* *2023-2024*

- Conducted a literature review on the adverse physical health outcomes of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the gaps in populations studied under Dr. Elba Adriana Campos's guidance, which involved creating a search strategy for the PubMed database, going through 744 studies generated by search, identifying 46 relevant studies, and then summarizing their findings, ultimately using 30 studies in the review

**United Nations Institute for Training and Research** **Remote**
*Intern* *2021-2023*

- Document research and archiving responsibilities, assisting with editorial work for the Afghan Fellowship Legacy Project's forthcoming book

**Axis Eye Center LLC.** **Phoenix, AZ**
*Intern* *2021-2023*

- Assisted senior patients through paperwork and clinical processes, archived financial files, and shadowed technicians and surgeons

**National Art Honors Society** **Phoenix, AZ**
*Social Media Director* *2021-2025*

- Worked with other members to set up annual fundraising events
- Designed, managed, and painted 2 murals for school community
- Planned and assisted in 3 volunteer trips to nearby senior living center, focused on arts and crafts activities for residents
- Designed school apparel for sale and posters for school wide visual and performing arts showcase
- Took professional photos to document school's arts-related events throughout school year

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**ARTS AND CULTURE EXPERIENCE**

**Adroit Summer Mentorship Program** **Remote**
*Poetry Cohort* *Summer 2023*

- Accepted into a 6 weeklong program with the *Adroit Journal*, mentorship under Dana Alsamsam-Fatahi

***The Kenyon Review* Young Writers Workshop** **Remote**

*Admitted Student, Course: Writing Our Surreal Reality with Mathias Svalina* *January 2024*

- Accepted into a 6 weeklong program to study surrealist writing under Mathias Svalina

**Gala for Poetry & the Creative Mind**

*Speaker* **Remote**

- Invited to speak at the Academy of American Poets' annual Gala fundraiser for poetry month, run by former national poet laureate, Ada Limón *May 2025*
- https://poets.org/gala/2025

**Louisiana Book Festival** **Baton Rouge, LA**

*Panelist, Speaker* *November 2024*

- Performed poems and spoke in 2 panels on chapbook, *Poems from the 2024 National Student Poets*

**Cantor Arts Center** **Stanford, CA**

*Program Assistant* *2026*

- Hired to provide support preparing, coordinating, and staffing on-site academic and public programming, including Family Day, Party on the Edge, Art and Boba Talks, etc.

**National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)** **Remote**

*Scholarship Recipient* *2023*

- Virtual language learning scholarship received for 10-week course for Arabic

**Scholastic Art and Writing Awards**

*Medalist* *2023 & 2024*

- Silver medal for Drawing and Illustration (2023)
- Silver Medal for Photography (2024)

**Young Arts**

*Medalist* *2024*

- National Medal for Writing/Short Story

## PUBLICATIONS

**Academy of American Poets, poetry.org** *November 2024*

- Poetry publication
- https://poets.org/poem/homecoming-augury

***Poems from the 2024 National Student Poets*** *May 2025*

- Poetry publication

## SKILLS & INTERESTS

- Fluency in English; conversational fluency in Urdu; proficient in Mandarin
- Experience/interest in event organizing and fundraising, as well as teaching
- Proficiency with Adobe Photoshop
- Proficiency with Hasselblad 501C camera
- Professional interest in visual art (painting, photography, sculpture, etc.)