Talent for writing: Student’s master class scholarship

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Born in Guinea and spent most of his young life growing up in Sierra Leone, Ashley Kamara arrived in Australia in 2012. He has shown a remarkable talent for writing. He recently won a scholarship to attend a writing master class at the State Library of NSW with best-selling author Ursula Dubosarsky.

The master class was designed for writers aged 13 to 18-years enthusiastic about writing, developing their writing technique and participating in discussions about creative writing.

Ashley was identified as an outstanding student by Angela Rega who is a teacher at Marrickville High School. “We are very proud to have Ashley win a scholarship to the Teen Writing Master Class, which is run by the Children’s Book Council this year” Ms Rega said.

Ashley, who is in Year 7, said he also likes to write poetry about the stories he completes.

“I write about the experiences that refugees have and just express my feelings about them,” he said.