

GLASSROOTS

GlassRoots FLAME Program 2015-2016 Information and Application

Application Deadline: Tues Sept 8, 2015

Synopsis: GlassRoots knows that investment in real work experience for vulnerable youth can improve their understanding of the value of education, encourage higher self-esteem, and improve their prospects for future employment, whether they are heading to higher education following secondary school or not. To that end, GlassRoots partners with local high schools to offer students (grades 9-12) a unique program grounded in a work readiness frame with glassworking at the core of an engaging learning opportunity. The FLAME program highlights Focus, Leadership, Art, Mentoring and Entrepreneurship as vital aspects to a teenager's preparation for college and work.

Logistics:

- The program is offered on **WEDNESDAYS from 12pm to 4pm beginning October 14, 2015.**
- The program runs approximately 28 weeks (through May, 2015). GlassRoots follows the Newark Public School schedule; classes will not be offered when NPS is closed due to vacation or inclement weather.
- Students are expected to make a commitment to this program. Students who have THREE unexcused absences (other than for illness or family emergency) will be asked to leave the program.

Components:

- **Business & Entrepreneurship (B&E) course.** This hallmark GlassRoots program is dedicated to nurturing and guiding the entrepreneurial spirit by teaching an academic-year long course on what it takes to create and maintain a business. GlassRoots provides programs that inspire young people to stay in school, to find their passion, to recognize business opportunities and to plan for successful futures. In this program, students begin their journey as entrepreneurs. Participants receive 30 hours of in-class instruction in important business concepts, and 45 hours of glassmaking instruction in one or more of GlassRoots' three studios. Upon completion of the program, participants compete for prizes in an Annual B&E Competition and Trade Fair. To demonstrate comprehension of these business skills, students present and defend a presentation of their business plan to a panel of judges composed of local business, art and civic leaders. (B&E class is 1 hour per week).
- **21st Century Learning.** This is a leadership-based curriculum with a rotating staff of instructors both on staff at GlassRoots and visiting business professionals. Hourly lessons include such areas as Teamwork, Communication, Problem Solving/Conflict Resolution, Focus & Concentration, and Literacy in the Workplace, Time Management, Safety & Emergencies, Personal Identity and Goal Setting. (1 hour per week).
- **Glass Studio Work.** Each student will cycle through our three art studios, experiencing all areas of glass art: working (glass beading and jewelry making), flat glasswork (mosaics, glass fusing and etching), and glassblowing. (1.5 hours per week).
- **Service Learning for GlassRoots.** Youth Leaders are expected to volunteer at TWO GlassRoots events per school year (i.e., a GlassRoots-hosted event or local events such as Essex County's Cherry Blossom Festival, Newark Museum's Makers' Faire, etc.)
- **Attendance Commitment.** Students are expected to arrive on time and attend all classes (B&E and 21st Century Learning) IN ORDER TO be able to attend Studio Classes. If a student shows up late without a legitimate excuse (due to illness or family emergency), they will not be permitted to attend a Studio class.

The leader can earn academic and service learning credits (awarded by school) while working with GlassRoots' staff at least one half-day (3.5 to 4 hours) during the school week. GlassRoots programs foster STEAM learning among urban teenage high school students to prepare them for professional competitive opportunities. In this program, equal effort is put into pursuing academic learning for enrichment and in stressing the link between employable skills and the skills developed in STEAM and other professional fields.

Tuition for the FLAME program is \$1,350 per academic year. Financial aid is available to qualified participants. No student will be turned away due to inability to pay; all families are expected to make some financial contribution.*

**Application for 2015 – 2016 FLAME Program
(To be completed by student. Please type or print legibly)**

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First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Gender: M F
Date of birth (MM/DD/YY) ___/___/___ Current age: _____ Grade: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Student Cell: _____
Email: _____
Parents/Guardians Full Name(s) _____
Parent/Guardian's cell: _____ Parent/Guardian Email: _____
Name of School: _____ Town school is located: _____
Current GPA? _____

Please write 3-5 sentences on the bottom of this application on what leadership means to you and why you would make a good youth leader/mentor.

Commitment Contract and Responsibilities

GlassRoots Participant Agreement:

I acknowledge that I will be working in an environment that involves glass and fire; that is inherently dangerous. I further acknowledge that I will be engaging in activities that involve risks of personal injury and, therefore, require my full attention at all times. As such, I agree to follow all rules set out by the staff of GlassRoots and to exercise due care and caution for both myself and others at all times. I agree to always be on time and attend all classes to the best of my ability.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

GlassRoots Parent/Guardian Agreement:

I recognize that working with glass involves risk of personal injury. I assume full responsibility for my child's safety in connection with these activities, and release GlassRoots and its officers, Board of Trustees, employees and agents from liability for injury related to these activities. I also acknowledge that GlassRoots is not responsible for the protection, care or insurance coverage for tools, work in progress or works of art in the event of damage or destruction, or for anything the child brings to class or leaves behind after departure. I authorize GlassRoots to use photographs or other images of my child and their work for any purposes it finds appropriate, such as for publication, advertisement or exhibition, without charge or further permission.

Yes___ No___

I hereby specifically authorize my child's school to release information regarding my child's academic performance for the academic semesters preceding, during and immediately following his/her participation in any program at GlassRoots. I understand that this information will not be released to any outside party except when aggregated with that of other program participants.

I have carefully read this agreement and I understand and accept all terms and policies stated herein.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Address (if different from student) _____

Cell number _____ Home Number _____

Does your child have any allergies, medical problems or other special considerations? YES NO

For a number of grant and funding opportunities, GlassRoots must provide information about our constituents. This information will be held in confidence and will in no way affect your child's participation in our programs.

Household Income:

\$10 - \$24,999 \$25,000 - \$49,999 \$50,000 - \$74,999 over \$75,000

Number of people (over 18) in household ____ Number of children under 18 ____

Are you eligible for free or reduced meals during the school year? YES NO

My student will be applying for financial assistance to participate in this program YES NO

Please note, each family will be asked to make some financial commitment to this program.

I, _____, understand that we have expectations of our program participants and will therefore encourage my student to follow the rules and responsibilities set forth by GlassRoots. I understand that he or she may be terminated from the program if these are not followed.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student answer to what leadership means to you and why you would make a good youth leader/mentor. A document can be attached with application.