

GLASSROOTS

2019-20 FLAME Program Information and Application

Program Information

PROGRAM GOALS: To gain college and career readiness skills, business skills and glass art proficiency while working as a production team designing and crafting glass product(s) and/or glass art.

GlassRoots is a non-profit organization located in the downtown arts district of Newark, New Jersey, whose mission is to ignite and build the creative and economic vitality of greater Newark, with a focus on under-served youth and young adults, through the transformative power of the glass art experience.

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, and is part of our YES! Youth Entrepreneurial Spirit program. These terms represent the concepts, skills and goals students learn and practice one day a week for an academic year. This performance or competency-based learning approach both educates students and prepares them for the workplace, by providing opportunities to work with others and think creatively and critically (21st Century skills).

GlassRoots' has long recognized the benefits of an education that includes lessons in the fundamentals of business and entrepreneurship for students of all socioeconomic backgrounds. We believe it creates opportunity, ensures social justice, instills confidence and resiliency in students, and stimulates the economy.

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Program Logistics & Curriculum

- The program is offered on Wednesdays from 10am to 3pm and runs approximately 28 weeks (October through May). GlassRoots follows the Newark Public School schedule; classes will not be offered when NPS is closed due to vacation or inclement weather.
- **21st Century Learning.** This is a leadership-based curriculum with a rotating staff of instructors both on staff at GlassRoots and visiting business professionals. Learning will include concepts and practice in Teamwork, Communication, Problem Solving/Conflict Resolution, Focus & Concentration, and Literacy in the Workplace, Time Management, Safety & Emergencies and Goal Setting.
- **Glass Studio Work.** Each student will cycle through our three art studios, experiencing all areas of glass art: flameworking (glass beading and jewelry making), flat glasswork (mosaics, glass fusing and etching), and glassblowing.
- Students are expected to make a commitment to this program. Students who have THREE unexcused absences (other than for illness or family emergency) may jeopardize their continuation in the program.
- Full tuition for the FLAME program is **\$1,350.00** per academic year, per student. Financial aid is available to qualified participants. No student will be turned away due to inability to pay, but all families are expected to make some financial contribution. Please see our Financial Aid application on page 7.
- IF you are participating in this program through your school, your tuition has been covered by the school district.

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Application

To be completed by student. Please type or print legibly

Please send completed applications to Lisa Duggan, Program Director, at lduggan@glassroots.org or via fax at 973-353-9551.

Date: _____

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: _____

Parent/Guardian full name: _____

Parent/Guardian cell: _____ Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Name of School: _____ Town school is located: _____

Current GPA? _____

Please tell us what leadership means to you and why you would make a good youth leader/mentor:

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Commitment Contract and Responsibilities

GlassRoots Student Participant Agreement:

I acknowledge that I will be working in an environment 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.

Student 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 Trustee, 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.

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) _____

Parent/Guardian full name: _____

Parent/Guardian cell: _____ Parent/Guardian Email: _____

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

If yes, please explain:

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Financial Aid Form

My student is applying for financial assistance to participate in this program: 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 effect your child's participation in our programs.

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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 _____

Do you receive section 8 support? YES NO

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

I, _____, understand that we have expectations of our students and will therefore encourage my child 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:** _____