

Youth Action Coalition's ARTS-FOR-CHANGE PROJECT APPLICATION 2012-13

Welcome to Youth Action Coalition!

Youth Action Coalition (YAC) is an organization that embraces the idea that arts can be used for making positive change in the world. Through development of art and media skills, creative writing, group collaboration and social justice education and action, YAC fosters community, embraces change, and promotes fun. We expect all participants to uphold ideals of safety, equality and respect. We believe that social justice and freedom can be achieved and explored by understanding that all people are entitled to opportunities, freedom from judgment and empowered decision-making.

Program Expectations

We expect that YAC participants, staff, interns, and peer leaders will make a strong effort to attend and participate in our weekly group meetings. In addition to program time, participants may need to work outside of group time to complete their work, as well as attend our YAC Unity events (field trips, exhibitions, art walks and conferences that bring the YAC community together). We encourage youth to extend their reach as artists and activists by promoting their work in journals, exhibitions and other community endeavors.

We ask you to notify us in advance when you will be absent. Participants who miss 3 or more program days may be dropped from our program.

Beyond the basics of interpersonal behavior we expect your willingness towards open dialogue within the group and accountability to the group. We trust YOU to do your work, check the program blog, meet deadlines, and use supplies in a constructive way. Most of all we encourage you to show us new ways of looking, learning, showing and knowing!

2012-13 Program Schedule [subject to change]

PROGRAM	SCHEDULE	LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS
E'Town Photograffiti	M/W 3-5pm	White Brook MS	MS & HS-aged youth
Get Up Get Down	T/Th 3:30-5:30pm	Bangs Center Glass Room	8 th -12 th graders
GirlsEyeView Amherst	T/Th 2:30-5pm	Amherst Regional HS	7 th -9 th graders
GirlsEyeView Ware	M/W 2:30-5pm	Ware Junior/Senior HS	MS & HS-aged youth
Video Vanguard	W/Th 3:30-5:30pm	Amherst Media	8 th -12 th graders

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Review periods are late August, mid September, and, space permitting, January. Please know that if we are not able to accept you into our program this session we will gladly consider you for the next one. We will add your name to our waitlist and contact you if any participants are unable to stay in our program. We appreciate you taking the time to complete our application. Please feel free to contact us for more information.

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Name:

Date of application:

Age:

School, if applicable:

Grade in the fall of 2012:

Street Address:

City and Zip:

Email:

Your home phone:

Your cell phone:

Adult contact person:

Relationship:

Adult contact phone:

Adult contact email:

Which Arts-for-Change program are you interested in joining?

- E'town Photograffiti Get Up Get Down GirlsEyeView Amherst
 GirlsEyeView Ware Video Vanguarders

Why are you interested in participating in this program?

Can you commit to attending all group meetings for your chosen program?

If no, please explain:

Have you participated in a YAC program before?

If yes, Would you like to expand your leadership as a Peer Leader? Why?

If no, How did you hear about YAC?

Learning styles. Please check all methods that work for you and add any comments about your learning needs that will help us get to know you.

I learn well by: Doing Seeing Reading Listening Working with a partner

Comments:

Racial Identity (please check all that apply)

- African American/Black
 Asian/Pacific Islander
 Indigenous/American Indian
 Latino/a
 Middle Eastern
 White
 Biracial/Multiracial
 Other: _____

Gender Identity

- Female
 Male
 Other: _____

What kind of art do you like to make and what artistic media do you like to work with? How long have you been making art?

Describe any previous community involvement and activism experience you may have:

What are some issues that are important to you and/or to youth your age, and why?

What are some of your hobbies and interests outside of school?

What skill(s) would you like to learn or improve?

What skills, interests and experiences will you bring to the group?

Anything else you'd like us to know about you?

For YAC use:

Date Received:

Reviewers:

Response: