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Admissions | BLACK GIRLS ROCK! Inc. | 48 Lexington Avenue, Suite 2 | Brooklyn, NY 11238

2014 BLACK GIRLS ROCK! QUEENS' CAMP FOR LEADERSHIP & EXCELLENCE APPLICATION

E-MAIL APPLICATIONS BY WEDNESDAY April 16, 2014 BY 11:59PM | GROUND MAIL MUST BE POST MARKED BY WEDNESDAY
April 16, 2014 [FORMS E-MAILED/POST MARKED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE REVIEWED]

APPLICATION FEE: \$25.00

DESCRIPTION

BLACK GIRLS ROCK! Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit youth empowerment and mentoring organization. The youth enrichment programs at BLACK GIRLS ROCK! empower and enrich young women through dynamic art, leadership, and critical literacy workshops. Our program also encourages positive identity development, strong life skills, cultural investigation, critical thinking, and academic excellence. For admission into the BLACK GIRLS ROCK! Queens' Camp for Leadership and Excellence, candidates must complete a competitive application process. Please read the eligibility requirements and conditions below before proceeding with the application. Feel free to contact us at queenscamp@blackgirlsrock.org if you have any questions or concerns.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: We are looking for candidates who...

- ✓ Are girls between ages 13-17 and in grades 7-11
(2014 graduating seniors are not eligible to apply)
- ✓ Are in good academic standing
- ✓ Have a deep interest in
 - the African Diaspora and its arts, histories, and cultures
 - Civic engagement and advocacy
 - Scholarship
 - Global sisterhood
 - Leadership Development
- ✓ Have a concern for global issues, particularly those impacting Black women and girls

GENERAL PROGRAM + APPLICATION INFORMATION

- ✓ The BLACK GIRLS ROCK! Queens' Camp for Leadership and Excellence is a two week leadership intensive program, which will take place from July 25-August 9 of 2014
- ✓ Applications are due **April 16, 2014**. Only complete applications will be reviewed.
- ✓ BLACK GIRLS ROCK! does not charge a full tuition fee. However, we ask that accepted participants pay a \$500 activity fee to cover a portion of camp related expenses.
- ✓ All participants must adhere to the BLACK GIRLS ROCK! rules and guidelines as well as the protocol established by staff, instructors and teaching artists. Inability to do so may result in termination.

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF CURRICULUM PILLARS

- ✓ Art-based enrichment programs
- ✓ Academic enrichment + college prep workshops
- ✓ Leadership development modules
- ✓ Sisterhood + team building initiatives
- ✓ Life/occupational skills training + empowerment workshops

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PART I: APPLICANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name _____
LAST FIRST (Legal) MIDDLE

Home address _____
NUMBER / STREET (APARTMENT NUMBER, IF APPLICABLE) CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE OR PROVINCE / COUNTRY

Applicant E-mail address _____
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. PROVIDE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS YOU CHECK REGULARLY.

Twitter Handle _____ Facebook URL _____

Applicant Cell-phone (if applicable) _____

Date of birth _____

Is English your first language yes no

What is the primary language spoken at home? _____

Do you speak any other languages fluently?

PART II: PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian I Name: _____
LAST FIRST (Legal) MIDDLE

Parent/Guardian II Name: _____
LAST FIRST (Legal) MIDDLE

Parent/Guardian I: Home Telephone number () _____ Parent's Cell number () _____

Work Telephone number () _____ E-mail _____

Parent/Guardian II: Home Telephone number () _____ Parent's Cell number () _____

Work Telephone number () _____ E-mail _____

Emergency Contact Information: The emergency contact should be someone other than the guardians listed above. Please provide the name, mailing address, e-mail, and phone number here:

Do your child have any health conditions we should be aware of (physical, psychological, etc.)? If yes, please describe.

Estimated Annual Income (optional):

____ under \$20,000 _____ \$61,000-\$80,000

____ \$21,000-\$40,000 _____ \$81,000-\$100,000

____ \$41,000-\$60,000 _____ over \$100,000

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PART II: ACADEMIC & LEADERSHIP BACKGROUND

Applicant's School: _____
NAME ADDRESS (Legal) TELEPHONE NUMBER

Academic Standing: _____
CUMULATIVE GPA

***Please attach a copy of your official transcript to this application.**

LIST LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE/S:

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION

LIST ANY OTHER EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITES:

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION

LIST ANY HONORS OR AWARDS THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED:

NAME OF AWARD AND GRANTING ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION

PART III: SHORT ANSWERS

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Please respond to each of the following questions. It is essential to address all aspects of each question. Limit each short answer response to one well developed paragraph. The personal essay question must be at least 1000 words and no more than 1250 words. You may answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper. Clearly identify your full name, school, and date of birth on the top of each page.

Short Answer Questions (your response should be a detailed and well developed paragraph!)

- A. What does the phrase BLACK GIRLS ROCK! mean to you and what do you hope to gain from this program?
- B. What is your favorite book, magazine/blog, and film? Please describe why each literary or media item resonates with you.
- C. If you were to create an "Empowerment Mixtape" what are the top ten songs and artists that would be included and why?
- D. If given the opportunity to interview a contemporary black leader who is positively impacting the local or global community, who would you interview and why?
- E. What is your definition of a shero? Describe two figures (personal and public) who are your sheros.
- F. How do you regard current depictions of women of color in mass media? Do you find them to be empowering or disempowering? Give examples that support your claim/s.
- G. Share your life's mantra. Tell us what phrase or saying inspires you to be your most dynamic self. Why does this phrase empower you?

PART IV: PERSONAL ESSAY | Envision a Better World (1000 words)

Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman elected to Congress and the first Black woman to run for President said, "Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth." Why is public service important to you? Describe how you have demonstrated leadership in service inside of school and/or outside of school. Finally, identify what you consider to be a single most important problem impacting your community (locally or globally) and propose three public service based solutions that will help eradicate or reduce this societal issue.

PART V: 3-5 MINUTE VIDEO BLOG | THIS IS WHY I ROCK!

Audre Lorde said, "If I didn't define myself *for myself*, I would be crunched into other people's fantasies for me and eaten alive." In a 3-5 minute video blog, tell us why you rock! Define yourself and outline your personal talents, your academic and professional goals, and propose a public service-based solution that you think will help better your community.

VI: TWO RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

One recommendation must come from a school administrator or faculty member. The other recommendation must come from a family member, mentor or community leader over the age of 18.

VII: TRANSCRIPT OR REPORT CARDS

Please submit a copy of your official transcript or report card with this application.