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After School Matters Program Providers Newsletter | July 2016



Dear Program Provider,

Welcome to the After School Matters Program Providers Newsletter! This monthly newsletter will help to share updates, resources and instructional strategies, as well as celebrate the successes of our teens and build community among our program providers. Enjoy!

Program Updates

Stipends: What's new this summer?

1. Absence policy: For the Summer program session, **there is a 3 absence maximum for all teens**. If a teen is absent 4 times, they will not receive the stipend.
2. Stipend amounts will now be pro-rated based on when a teen starts the program.
3. This summer, in partnership with Urban Partnership Bank, **teens will be able to cash their stipend checks for just \$1 at any Chicagoland Urban Partnership Bank!** School IDs, State IDs and Driver's Licenses will be accepted as forms of identification for cashing checks. Teens can find the nearest Urban Partnership Bank location [here](#).
4. The Teen Stipend Hotline now has it's own call center! The Teen Stipend Call Center is located at Gallery 37, with several After School Matters staff members dedicated to answering stipend questions. **To reach the Teen Stipend Call Center, dial 312-768-5199 Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm.**

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Program Dates

Summer 2016

**Monday, June 27 –
Saturday, August 13**
Advanced Apprenticeships

**Tuesday, July 5 –
Saturday, August 13**
*Apprenticeships
and Internships*

Non-Program Day:
Monday, July 4, 2016

Click [here](#) to see the
**FY17 Program
Calendar!**

Important Deadlines

Summer 2016

Friday, July 22

Teen Interview Outcomes

An interview outcome (Recommend Enroll, Do Not Enroll, Not Interviewed, Recommend Audit) must be entered by **Friday, July 22** for all teens who are not on the waitlist for a program (teens whose names appear in black on the interview tab), unless a waitlisted teen was interviewed. Click [here](#) for a step-by-step guide.

Teens Without A Permanent Address

Our Finance and Programs Departments will work with Liaisons to ensure that teens who do not have a permanent address receive their stipend checks in a secure and timely manner. **To ensure these checks will not be mailed, please contact your Program Specialist if a teen tells you they have no permanent address.**

Opportunities & Resources for Teens

Please see below for great teen opportunities.

LRNG: CHI

LRNG: CHI is a digital platform that closes the opportunity gap and transforms how young people access and experience learning and the paths they can take to success. LRNG: CHI engages youth through "playlists" - curated groups of learning experiences that connect young people in Chicago to learning opportunities, such as job readiness and financial literacy. Teens who complete playlists will earn digital badges to demonstrate learning achievements and other fun incentives.

Teens can participate by visiting LRNG.org/Chicago and creating an account.

For more information, click [here](#).

Student Election Board

Mikva Challenge is collaborating with the Chicago Board of Elections to recruit, train and hire thousands of student election judges to work at the polls on Election Day.

Teens that are interested in this opportunity must:

1. Be a high school junior or senior in Fall 2016
2. Have a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
3. Be a U.S. Citizen by Election Day (Nov. 8, 2016)
4. Be able to read, write and speak English
5. Complete the Student Election Judge Interest Form [here](#).

Click here for more information.

For additional opportunities and resources for teens, please visit the teen resources section of [our website](#).

Program Provider Highlight: Gloria Hafer

Culinary Arts

Summer 2016 Teen Interview Outcomes due

Important Deadlines

Fall 2016

Monday, July 25

Application launch for Fall 2016 programs

Friday, August 12

Rollover deadline for Fall 2016 programs

Saturday, September 17

Enrollment deadline for Fall 2016 programs

Action Required

Teen Intern PACR Forms

Beginning this summer, teens in After School Matters Internship programs or acting as an Intern in any program are required to sign a Program Acknowledgement, Consent, and Release (PACR) Form **specifically for Teen Interns.**

ALL INTERNS

(continuing and new) will need to sign and submit the attached form regardless of having a signed PACR on file.

Click [here](#) to access the new PACR form for Interns.

Instructional Strategy of the Month

Stand Up If...

Use this activity to help build community and foster awareness, or use it as an icebreaker.



Gloria Hafer is the instructor for both the Culinary Arts and Advanced Culinary Arts programs in the South/Southwest Branch. She has been an After School Matters instructor for more than fifteen years. In these programs, teens learn about preparing healthy and sustainable meals, table setting, catering for large groups, careers in the culinary hospitality industry and more. Last month, Amanda A., a teen from Gloria's program was accepted to the highly regarded Culinary Institute of America with a scholarship. Typically, accepted students must complete a 12-step feeder program before starting the program. However, due to Amanda's participation in Gloria's After School Matters program, she will be able to bypass this step! Amanda, who now serves as an intern for one of Gloria's programs, is pictured above with Gloria at the Taste of Chicago. And Gloria has so many success stories to share from her many years of providing opportunities to teens.

Thank you, Gloria, for all you do for After School Matters and our teens!

If you would like to submit a highlight to this newsletter, [click here](#).

Thanks to each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to teens!

Sincerely,

After School Matters

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Time: 5 - 10 minutes
Materials: None

Instructions:

1. Read a statement that may be true for some of the teens. Each statement should begin with "stand up if..."
2. If the statement is true for any of the teens, they must stand.
3. Each teen should sit back down before the next statement is read.

Example statements:

- "Stand up if you like hip hop."
- "Stand up if you've been judged by your skin color."
- "Stand up if you're unsure about what you want to do after high school."

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