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After School Matters Program Providers Newsletter | November 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!

Opportunities & Resources for Teens

Please see below for great teen opportunities.

[CineYouth Festival](#)

The 2017 CineYouth Festival is now accepting short film submissions from filmmakers 22 years old and younger. Officially selected films will screen at the CineYouth Festival from May 4 - 6, 2017 at The Music Box Theater in Chicago. For guidelines and submission details, click [here](#). **Submissions will be accepted through March 10, 2017.**

[Jack Kent Cook Foundation College Scholarship](#)

The Jack Kent Cook Foundation College Scholarship program is the largest undergraduate scholarship program

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Important Dates & Deadlines

Fall 2016

Friday, November 18

Spring 2017 Teen Application opens

Non-Program Days

Fall 2016

Wednesday, November 23 - Saturday,

November 26

Thanksgiving Break

available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend the nation's best 4-year colleges and universities. College Scholars have access to generous financial support for up to 4 years, college planning support, ongoing advising, and the opportunity to network with the larger JKCF Scholar community.

For information on eligibility requirements, and to access the scholarship application, visit the [JKCF website](#) or click [here](#) for the program flyer. **Applications are due on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 by 12:00pm EST.**

[Walgreens Expressions Challenge](#)

The Walgreens Expressions Challenge (Expressions) is an incentive-based contest for high school teens to showcase their creative perspective on healthy lifestyle choices. Entrants may submit their perspective in three categories: creative writing, media arts or visual arts. Prizes are awarded to the student winners in each category. If any of your teens are interested in participating in this opportunity, please email Lauren Lewandowski, Manager of Special Projects, at lauren.lewandowski@afterschoolmatters.org.

For more information, visit www.expressionschallenge.com, review the [educator toolkit](#), or review the contest [brochure](#). **All entries to the contest must be submitted by Wednesday, November 30, 2016.**

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

Opportunities & Resources for Program Providers

Please see below for opportunities for Program Providers.

[SciGirls CONNECT](#)

SciGirls CONNECT is a broad national outreach effort to encourage educators to adopt new, research-based strategies to engage girls in STEM. The SciGirls CONNECT network is a supportive community of dedicated educators who provide the spark, the excitement and the promise of a new generation of women in STEM careers. SciGirls CONNECT provides mini-grants, leadership training and educational resources to partner organizations, and each partner training session involves educators from a score of regional educational institutions.

The full-day training will take place on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at the Chicago Architecture Foundation. The training will consist of strategies and interactive, hands-on

Instructional Strategy of the Month

Stacked Cup Pyramid

Time: 15 - 30 minutes

Materials:

6 paper or plastic cups per team, 1 rubber band per team, scissors, string

Objective: Use this activity to build community and to practice communication and effective listening.

For detailed instructions, click [here](#).

Teen Stipends Reminders

Contact Us!

You can reach the Teen Stipend Call Center at

312-768-5199

Monday - Friday
9am - 5pm

Urban Partnership Bank

This fall, in partnership with Urban Partnership Bank, **teens are 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

activities that can be used when working with girls and girl-serving programs.

If you are interested in participating in this training, please contact Natasha Smith-Walker at nwalker@projectexploration.org

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

Program Provider Highlight: John LaTorre CROSSOVER



John LaTorre (*above left*) has been the instructor for the Crossover program in Humbolt Park for more than seven years. In this program, teens learn ball-handling skills, become basketball regulation experts, and practice teamwork and cooperation. Additionally, John has had phenomenal success in reaching young men on the city's West Side. This summer, John's program was replicated to engage more than 50 young men, teaching life skills and community building through the game of basketball. You can see John and his program featured in a video from the Chicago Bulls [here](#).

Thank you, John, 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,

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accepted as forms of identification for cashing checks. Teens can find the nearest Urban Partnership bank location [here](#).

Submit a Highlight

If you would like to submit a highlight of your program, an opportunity for teens, or an upcoming event to this newsletter, [click here](#).

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