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After School Matters Program Providers Newsletter | September 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

[Renewal Application Launch due Friday, September 30](#)

The Renewal Application for Summer 2017, Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 for **Current Program Providers** is due on **Friday, September 30, 2016 at 5:00pm.**

Check the [After School Matters website](#) for the Renewal Application Guide.

Programs that do not submit a renewal application by the deadline will not be renewed. ALL applications are due on Friday, September 30 by 5:00 pm.

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Important Dates

Fall 2016

Monday, September 26

First day of Fall 2016 programs

Friday, September 30 at 5:00pm

Renewal Application due

Non-Program Days

Fall 2016

Monday, October 10

Columbus Day

Monday, October 31

Halloween

If you have any questions about the Renewal process, please contact your Program Specialist.

Teen Stipend Reminders

1. This fall, 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](#).
2. 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.**

Opportunities & Resources for Teens

Please see below for great teen opportunities.

[Best Buy GRAMMY Camp](#)

The Best Buy GRAMMY Camp offers high school students the opportunity to work with GRAMMY professionals to build their digital audio or songwriting skills, as well as learn about the business of music production. The program offers three tracks: Electronic Music Production, Songwriting and Audio Engineering. Applications are due by Monday, October 3, 2016. Click [here](#) to apply or click [here](#) for more information.

[Project Osmosis 2016 All High School Design Competition](#)

Project Osmosis is accepting submissions to their 2016 All High School Design Competition. Designs must be submitted no later than Wednesday, October 19, 2016. Click [here](#) for the contest overview and more information about submission guidelines.

[YoungArts](#)

YoungArts' signature program is for artists ages 15-18 or in grades 10-12 from across the United States. YoungArts Winners receive valuable support, financial awards, experience working with mentors, and performance/exhibition opportunities at some of the nation's leading cultural institutions. Each January, approximately 170 Finalists from across the nation are invited to National YoungArts Week in Miami, where they participate in a week of intensive master classes and workshops with internationally renowned artists, and share their work. **The deadline for the YoungArts application is**

Friday, November 4

CPS School
Improvement Day

Thursday, November 10

HS Report Card Pick-Up
Day

Friday, November 11

Veterans Day

Wednesday, November

23 - Saturday,

November 26

Thanksgiving

Instructional Strategy of the Month

Vampire (Building Community)

Use this activity to build community among the teens in your program.

Time: 5-15 minutes depending on the number of teens in your program.

Materials: None

Instructions:

Click [here](#) for step-by-step instructions for using this activity in your program.

Instructor Opportunities

Volunteer at the 2nd Annual Halloween Gathering!

The Chicago Cultural Mile Association is seeking volunteers for the 2nd Annual Halloween Gathering!

Friday, October 14, 2016 at 10:59pm CT. Click [here](#) to learn more. Questions? Email apply@youngarts.org.

[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](#).

[Student Election Board](#)

Help run a polling location, learn about the election first hand -- and get paid to do it! The official Student Judge Online Application is open now!

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, Tuesday, November 8.

Teens that are interested in this opportunity must:

1. Complete the online application [here](#)
2. Meet the following requirements:
 - Be a high school junior or senior in Fall 2016
 - Have a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
 - Be a U.S. Citizen by Election Day (Nov. 8, 2016)Be able to read, write and speak English
3. In your account, visit the 'Consent Form' tab, and have your parent/guardian complete the parental permission slip
4. Check your email frequently for any communications about the Student Judge opportunity

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

Program Provider Highlight: Pierre Lockett
Forward Momentum Chicago

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. For more information on how to sign-up, click [here](#).

Teen Stipends

Contact Us!

You can reach the Teen Stipend Call Center at

312-768-5199

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Connect With Us On Social Media





Pierre Lockett (pictured above) is the Executive Director of Forward Momentum Chicago. Pierre has been an After School Matters instructor for more than 10 years. His After School Matters program provides high-quality dance education with an emphasis on health and fitness. Teens have the opportunity to work with professional dancers to train and perform in a variety of dance styles and genres including: Ballet, African, Modern and Hip Hop. Teens in Pierre's program recently had the honor of performing at After School Matters' annual gala where they participated in a tribute to Prince.

Thank you, Pierre, 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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Thank you for telling teens they matter.