

"The greatest action in the world is to walk with an open mind, always question what seems to be normal, and remember that true change begins from within. This is what inspires me to support young people as they come to support and challenge my growth as well." — Justice Williams, SLP Director

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN SLP STUDENT

10:00

Gather with all SLP students in a healing circle

11:00

Meet in a small group for peer mentorship

12:00

Talk about your experiences over lunch with friends

1:00

Participate in a debate on school violence in your seminar group

3:00

Plan your Community Action Project to create positive change in your neighborhood

4:00

Lead a workshop for your peers on an issue that you are passionate about

- Education
- Health
- Immigration: Identity of a Nation
- Community Organizing
- Violence and Liberation Movements
- Housing and Homelessness

SEMINARS

The Summer Leadership Program (SLP) is for high school age youth who want to spend their summer learning about why there is so much injustice in our communities and who want to do something to change it.

We proudly accept students from many different nationalities,

"races" and ethnicities. Our students come from all over Boston, from suburban towns and from other states. Our students are male, female and transgender. They identify as heterosexual, lesbian, gay, bisexual and questioning.

WHO IS SLP FOR?

INJUSTICE

change



FIND OUT IF THE SLP IS FOR YOU. TAKE THIS SIMPLE QUIZ AND SEE

Q: When I am around people different from me (e.g., race, class, sexual orientation) . . .

- a. I don't talk to anyone/stay by myself
- b. I look for people of my same group to talk to
- c. I just talk to anybody

Q: When I have a strong opinion about something . . .

- a. I listen to what others are saying and then I say something
- b. I don't say anything
- c. I say what's on my mind and ask questions later

Q: My friends would say I am . . .

- a. outgoing
- b. shy
- c. goofy
- d. serious

Q: I think problems in the community can best be solved by . . .

- a. doing nothing/just letting things happen
- b. waiting to see what government/powerful people will do
- c. community groups coming together to solve problems
- d. no opinion

Q: I think of myself as . . .

- a. curious. I ask a lot of questions.
- b. opinionated. I have something to say about everything.
- c. uninterested. I don't really think about what's going on.
- d. observant. I mostly look and listen.

A: Want to know the answers? Find out at your interview (hint: we don't believe in absolutely right or wrong answers).

"For the true state of forgiveness in yourself, spend your energy not on anger, but on positive actions."

—Vicotria Lee, SLP Grad



"Leadership is not only leading in front of people but also leading no matter where you are."

—Shane Bass, SLP Grad



2008

Summer Leadership Program

Open to high school age youth in or out of school

Youth with CORIs welcome to apply

APPLICATION FORM

Part I General Information *(please type or print neatly)*

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

When is the best time to reach you and what number? _____

Gender/Race/Ethnicity _____ Are you an SLP Grad? _____ Year _____ *(If Yes)*

What is your first language? _____ Others you speak well? _____

School and grade completing in June _____

Name(s) of parent/guardian(s) _____

Where does your parent/guardian work? _____ Phone _____

How did you hear about The City School? _____

Part II Group Interview

This year we are scheduling 5 group interviews. Interviews are mandatory and a great opportunity for applicants and their families to get to know staff and graduates of The City School (TCS) programs. All interviews will take place at TCS. Please indicate the interview date you would like to attend. We will confirm your appointment when we receive your completed application.

I will attend this interview date (check one): March 8 March 17 (Grads only)
 April 12 May 5 May 31

Part III Parent Consent

I support my child's interest in the 2008 Summer Leadership Program. I have read "Money Matters."

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Printed Name _____

Return application to Tram Vu or Justice Williams at The City School - 614 Columbia Road / Dorchester, MA 02125

For info: 617.822.3075 x16 / For fax: 617.822.3073 / For email: justice@thecityschool.org

Money Matters—For Families

The Summer Leadership Program charges no tuition or fees. Why? Because we want to make it as accessible as possible for every young person who applies. However, the program costs us about \$4,500 per participant to operate. With that, we ask each family to contribute within their capacity. If your child is accepted into the program we will ask your family to pledge a minimum contribution of \$1,000 through family, school, and other contributions that you may pay in full or in installments. We can work with you to involve your school, congregation or other group to support your child's participation. All contributions above \$600 are tax deductible. Scholarships are available.

"Live life to the point of tears and City School will be there to catch those tears and change a negative to a positive."

—Jackie Elysee,
SLP Grad

HOW TO APPLY

- Application form completely filled out
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from adults not related to you.
- Make sure you do not have any schedule conflicts and can commit from July 1 to August 14, 2008.
- All applications are due the Friday before a group interview date.
- Boston residents only: Sign up for the HopeLine at 617.635.HOPE or online at www.cityofboston.gov. The line will only be open from 10 to 2 on February 19th through February 21st, 4 to 8 on February 26th or online 24 hours a day February 19-26. All returning grads are required to register for the HopeLine if eligible.
- For new applicants only: Write a 1 page essay answering (1) and either (2) or (3)

(1) How would you characterize yourself? What do you think are your personal strengths and weaknesses? Knowing your strengths and weaknesses, how can you contribute to SLP?

(2) What does social justice mean to you? What are some social justice issues that are most important to you and why?

(3) Describe a time when you spoke up for yourself or for an issue you believe in. Tell us how you felt and why you did it.

- For SLP grad applicants only: Write a 2 page essay answering both questions

(1) Describe a moment during SLP where you learned something important about leadership, and how that has changed your leadership.

(2) Talk about the challenges you face in your leadership and how you overcome them.

If you have any problems completing the application, call us! We can help!

July 1-3	Opening Retreat
July 7	SLP Program begins
July 8	1st Day @ Internship
July 18	Field Day
July 25	Student Run Day
August 1	Field Trip
August 7	Last Day @ Internship
August 8	We Rise Up
August 11	Reflection
August 12	Final Presentations
August 13	Final Presentations
August 13	Final Papers Due
August 14	SLP Graduation

CHECK THE FACTS!

what to expect

- All students and staff attend a 2 night/3 day overnight retreat to begin the program. It's lots of fun and it's required in order to participate in the summer.
- Every day you will attend a seminar and participate in a community action project dealing with a community issue. This isn't school, but we believe in reading, writing and discussing. How else can we learn how to change things?
- Each week, you will "intern" at a community-based organization to give you a "real world" work experience.
- Students receive a weekly stipend of \$100 and a combo T pass for satisfactory completion of the week's activities.



"Leadership is something that is in your heart and mind and how you help your community."
—Jessica Lizine, SLP Grad



"Through sharing our ideas and personal experience, we developed into a tightly-knit family with a different perspective of society"
—Madeline Baez, SLP Grad

Questions?

Call 617.822.3075