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Literacy Entrepreneurs

Program Application

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Illuminate: Literacy Entrepreneurs Program Application

Program Summary: Illuminate Literacy Entrepreneurs, a program of Know Allegiance Nation, seeks to combat illiteracy and encourage entrepreneurship in inner city youth ages 8-18 through creative writing and performance. In the program, youth will refine their English, writing and speech skills through poetry and performance. Learn entrepreneurship skills by creating a product (via audio production and chapbook making); as well as learn how to vend their items and manage events.

At the end of the program, youth artists will have the chance to compete in a poetry slam for prizes that will support their artistic and entrepreneur endeavors. Prizes include technology, publication, performance and recording opportunities. Classes are on Tuesdays, starting in April at KAN Books, located at 9405 John R. The fee for the program is \$20 per student. Half scholarships available for students/families in need.

Name: _____ **Birth Date:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

What school do you attend? _____

Grade Level (Please Circle One): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Current GPA: _____

Favorite Subject: _____

Please rate your experience with the following skills on a 1 to 5 scale by circling or indicating the appropriate number. You can read the scale like this:

- 1 = "I have little knowledge or experience about the skill."
- 3 = "I'm comfortable with the skill and have some experience with it."
- 5 = "I know it well and am excited to teach others about it."

(a) speaking in public (giving presentations)	1	2	3	4	5
(b) creative writing (short stories, poems)	1	2	3	4	5
(c) using recording software (Garageband, Audacity, etc...)	1	2	3	4	5
(d) marketing a product (candy, Girl-Scout cookies, etc...)	1	2	3	4	5
(e) using social media (Facebook, Twitter)	1	2	3	4	5

Short Answer Questions

Describe your performance or public speaking experience.

Describe your favorite types of books or genres to read? Please explain why you enjoy reading this kind of literature. _____

What type of writing do you create (fiction, poetry, journaling, etc...)? _____

Describe your writing process (what you draw upon for inspiration and the tools you use to craft your literary art). _____

If you had the world's attention for 3 minutes to describe your community's future, what would you tell the world? _____

Selection Criteria & Program Requirements

All applications will be considered; however, workshop size is limited. Participants will be selected from applicants who meet all or most of the following criteria:

- ^ Sufficiently answered short answer questions above
- ^ Attend school in Wayne County
- ^ Able to attend Illuminate workshops on time
- ^ Active participation in workshops. Workshops involve writing and practicing reading, reciting and performing in front of others.
- ^ Photo/media release

Illuminate: Literacy Entrepreneur Participant Agreement

I meet all or most of the criteria for becoming an Illuminate participant (see above) and wish to enroll (my child) in the Illuminate: Literacy Entrepreneurship program. I must attend at least four of the seven workshops to receive incentives, certificate of completion and become eligible to compete in the Illuminate poetry slam.

Signature of Guardian (if under 18): _____ Date: _____