



Student Leadership Academy Application

Mission

The *Healthy Schools Now* Student Leadership Academy will provide an opportunity for students to receive training in civic engagement and to develop leadership skills. The focus will be to equip students to be advocates for school facility quality, but the lessons will be transferable, so that participants will be better equipped to advocate on social, economic, and environmental justice issues in the future. Breakfast, lunch, and transportation will be provided for each session.

Using the subject of healthy and safe school facilities as the general theme, over the course of one year, we will provide eight trainings on topics as diverse as public health, healthy and safety training, effective advocacy, communications and media training.

We are looking for students interested in a unique leadership development opportunity. We want to transform students into exceptional leaders empowered to create solutions for healthier communities.

Program Requirements:

- A sophomore or junior at a public school in Trenton, Paterson, Salem, and Plainfield
- Be in and remain in good academic standing
- Be in and remain in good disciplinary standing
- 2.75 GPA or higher
- Mandatory attendance at Saturday sessions

Date	Time	Topic
October 21, 2017	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Introduction - Health & Safety Training
November 18, 2017	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Public Health- Environmental Analysis
December 16, 2017	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Effective Advocacy
January 20, 2018	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Public Speaking
February 17, 2018	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Media Training
March 17, 2018	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Finding the Right Advocacy Target
April 21, 2018	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Growing Coalitions
TBD	TBD	Statehouse Day & Graduation

Application Components

- General applicant information
- 3 short essay questions (300 words or less)
- One completed recommendation form

Application deadline: Friday, September 22, 2017

Email completed application to HSN Campaign Organizer Jerell Blakeley at jblakeley@njwec.org



PARENT PERMISSION FORM FOR HEALTHY SCHOOLS NOW STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

I/We, the parents/guardians of the student named below, understand the nature of the Healthy School Now Student Leadership Academy programming and that the NJ Work Environment Council and its partners will provide trainings on advocacy and leadership development. We hereby grant permission for

_____ to participate in these various opportunities. We understand that adequate and appropriate supervision will be provided. We recognize, however, that unanticipated situations and problems can arise on any trip, school-sponsored or otherwise, which situations or problems are not reasonably within the control of the supervising staff (including volunteers). We further agree to release and hold harmless the New Jersey Work Environment Council, New Jersey Education Association, their agents, officers, employees, and volunteers, from any and all liability, claims, suits, demands, judgments, costs, interest and expense (including attorneys' fees and costs) arising from such activities, including any accident or injury to the student and the costs of medical services.

In the event of an injury requiring medical attention, I hereby grant permission to the supervising staff (including volunteers) to attend to my son/daughter. If the injury warrants further medical attention, I expect every effort will be made to contact me to receive my specific authorization before action is taken. If efforts to contact me are unsuccessful, I grant permission for necessary medical treatment to be given. In addition, I hereby give my permission to the supervising teacher(s) or staff (including volunteers) to take my child to the physician, dentist, or to the hospital if an accident or serious illness occurs on the trip and I cannot be located.

In the event that a student must return to their home independently for reasons of health, accident, failure to conform to rules established by the staff in charge, etc., we agree to accept full responsibility for and to pay for the cost of medical care, transportation and other incidental expenses. This permission slip also serves as a contract that the student and parent(s) understand and agree to the guidelines from each teacher as to making up missed assignments.

Parent or Guardian (print)

Parent or Guardian (signature)

Date _____

Emergency Contact Numbers:

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Please check below IF your child has sensitivity to:

Bee Sting Nuts Dairy Latex Other _____

Required medications: _____

Please check below IF your child has:

Asthma Diabetes Kidney Injuries Seizure Disorder Heart Condition Other

Explain: _____

If the student requires medication, I understand that I am obligated to ensure that the medication and the Medication Authorization Form have been provided. (If ordered by the student's physician, an epi pen must be provided for all field trips).



Healthy Schools Now Student Leadership Academy Recommendation Form

Candidate's Full Name _____

The above named candidate is being considered for the Healthy Schools Now Student Leadership Academy. Application reviewers will use this form to determine program acceptance. Please complete the survey to the best of your ability. Please email the completed recommendation form to Jerell Blakeley of the NJ Work Environment Council at jblakeley@njwec.org by September 22, 2017.

Thank you in advance,

Jerell Blakeley

Person completing form _____

Relationship to student _____

Please rate the student using the scale provided.	1= poor 2= average 3= excellent	Comments
Attitude		
Acts Responsibly		
Attendance		
Social Skills		
Respectfulness		
Initiative		
Ability to keep commitments/meet deadlines		
Punctuality		
Leadership Potential		
Results Oriented		
Maturity		

Overall impression of candidate: (please circle one)

Highly recommend
 Recommend
 Recommend with reservation
 Do not recommend

Signature _____ Date _____