

SADIE NASH LEADERSHIP PROJECT

APPLICATION PACKET 2012

“Before the Summer Institute, I never felt passionate about leadership and social issues, but now I feel more interested in the issues that surround my community and myself, and I think of myself as a leader, and as someone who can bring about change.”

-Sadie Nash Participant, Summer 2011-



Welcome to the Sadie Nash Leadership Project!

The Sadie Nash Leadership Project promotes leadership, service, and activism among youth. Our unique programs provide a dynamic and intensive learning experience that centers on the achievements of women, the use of role models, service-based learning and independent social justice projects. Our programs are designed to strengthen, empower, and equip young women as agents for change in their lives and in the world. By increasing the participation of women in social, political, and economic decision-making, SNLP seeks to question and redefine the nature of leadership and to promote perspectives and practices that are cooperative, accountable, ethical, and effective.

During our *Summer Institute*, we bring together dynamic young women leaders like you to share ideas, reflect on experiences, meet amazing role models, and to help transform your community through direct action. We are currently recruiting a strong group of traditional and non-traditional female leaders to join the Sadie Nash Leadership Project for the 2012 Summer Institute. If you are receiving these materials, you should be honored; it is because you are already a leader in your own right.

Enclosed are materials on the Sadie Nash Leadership Project. By joining SNLP, you will be a part of an organization that supports the leadership of young women. You will make your ideas into realities. You will help create a space where young women can learn from each other. You will lead. We will invite a group of approximately 50 young women from New York City high schools who are interested in social activism and leadership to participate in the program this summer.

Please take some time to review the materials (please read all the Frequently Asked Questions) and to contact us with any questions you may have. Please tell us if you know of other young women in high school who you think are leaders, so that they can learn about this opportunity. This is a chance for you to explore your own identity as a leader and as a young woman. We will have lots of fun, and we hope you will join us and this group of young women to change the world!

“The Summer Institute saved my life. I am a much more confident person than I was before. I get chills just thinking about the drastic changes that I've gone through. I am so happy that I was accepted to Sadie Nash. I just wish that schools could be more like Sadie Nash. I am more of a leader than I was when we started the program. Thank you Sadie Nash!”

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is Sadie Nash? Sadie Nash was not famous (well, she was *very* briefly). Sadie Nash was born in 1871 and lived in Omaha, Nebraska. She was a community leader and poverty activist. It is in her spirit and her impulse *to take action, to brush convention aside* and *to lead by example* that has inspired her great-granddaughter, Cecilia Clarke, to establish the Sadie Nash Leadership Project (SNLP).

What do we do? SNLP is a unique educational leadership program that is made up of young women ages 14-21 in New York City and Newark, New Jersey. SNLP gives you a chance to meet amazing peers and accomplished leaders (like filmmakers, activists, scientists, artists, writers); to take fun exciting courses (about things like human rights, creative writing, medicine, sociology, the environment); and to develop your unique way of leading with your peers and with our support. SNLP is *about you, run by you* and *for you*, as a leader and as a young woman.

Why do we do it? The Sadie Nash Leadership Project will guide you through a process in which you understand the importance of your life experiences, and how these experiences can be applied to taking action and making change. We believe you, as a young woman in high school, have the ability to change the world, now and in your future. The Sadie Nash Leadership Project is your opportunity to take some time to look at your own leadership, your potential leadership, and the leadership of the women around you.

How does it work? The Sadie Nash Leadership Project requires a commitment of *six weeks*. The summer program lasts from *July 2nd – August 10th, Monday through Friday from 10am until 4:30pm* (on Fridays, we have special events and the hours are different). You will receive a stipend to attend. The summer program will be located in Manhattan and is accessible by various trains. There will be a required pre-session orientation meeting in early June to prepare you for the summer, and to provide an opportunity to meet staff and to get to know each other. During the summer you and your peers will take classes, meet women involved in different forms of leadership, take workshops on issues that are important to you, and explore your own and others' leadership.

What is the stipend? To help cover your food expenses during the summer you will receive a *\$40 weekly stipend* during the program to cover your lunch expenses for each full day of the program. In addition, you will also receive an unlimited MetroCard.

What is your lateness and attendance policy? SNLP does not allow more than 3 absences during the summer program. SNLP requires attendance for both the strength of the community and to enhance your experience. Also, at SNLP, two late arrivals count as an absence. Please contact us if you have more questions about these policies.

What happens after the summer? After your first summer at Sadie Nash, you can join our internship program called *Community Action Placements (CAP)* where you receive a stipend for your work at an organization in the city that is addressing an issue you care about. If you come back to Sadie Nash for a second summer as a member of our *Summer Empowerment Training (SET)* program, we will support you as you work with other students to develop a group project that addresses an issue in the community. You can also get involved with our after school program called *Leadership Institute* which address the practical aspects of leadership such as college assistance, skill building and wellness. You can also apply for the *ELLA Fellowship* where you will have a chance to create and implement your own social justice project.

What will the summer be like if I join the Sadie Nash Leadership Project? It will be fun, interesting, challenging, creative, and exciting. You will learn new things. You will meet amazing young women and adults. You will make friends. You will be supported, celebrated and respected. You will teach others. You will share ideas and make some of those ideas a reality. You will be in a safe space where learning will be dynamic.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

We believe all young women should have an experience like Sadie Nash Leadership Project. However, we are not able to provide this experience to everyone. In order to select the best-matched candidates for the summer of 2012, we ask that every young woman who is interested fill out a brief application, write a one-page essay, and interview with us. *We do not ask for academic criteria for admission into the program.*

The application process is a way we can get to know you, make sure Sadie Nash Leadership Project can meet your needs and therefore help you reach your potential as a leader. We are looking for young women who are both traditional and non-traditional leaders, and for young women who *want* an experience like the Sadie Nash Leadership Project. We hope that the application process will be interesting and fun! If you have *any* questions at any point during the application process please do not hesitate to contact us.

WHAT WE ASK OF YOU

We ask you to complete the following:

Completed:

Description:

Application Form:	One-page of general information about you.
Essay:	One-page on someone you admire and why you admire her or him.
Interview:	This is a chance for you to find out more about us, and for us to get to know you better.
Additional Materials: (optional)	Please feel free, if you would like, to send us any other materials that you are proud of. Do <i>not</i> send any original copies of the materials (we cannot guarantee their return).
Deadlines:	<p>Applications accepted on a rolling basis:</p> <p>Friday, February 17th Friday, March 16th Friday, April 13th Friday, May 4th</p> <p><i>We strongly encourage you to send in your application as early as possible—spaces in the program fill up quickly!</i></p>

Please send these materials to:

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 157 Montague Street, 4th Floor
 Brooklyn, New York 11201
 Phone: (718)422-8664
 Fax: 718-422-8663

You can also apply online through our website sadienash.org

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APPLICATION FORM

(Please print clearly)

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Street Address

Apt.

City/Borough

Zip Code

Home Phone Number: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Primary Email Address: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): (please circle one: Mr. / Ms.) _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Cell Phone: _____ **Work:** _____

Birth Date: _____ | _____ | _____ **Age:** _____ **Year in School (circle one):** 9 10 11 12

Month Day Year

High School Name: _____

1. Four words to describe me are: _____

2. Do you think of yourself as a leader? Why or why not?

3. What are some issues in your community that you care about and why? (for example: pollution, education, health care, unemployment, racism, etc.):

4. One thing that is VERY important to us at Sadie Nash is that all young women's identities are respected. We are a very diverse community in terms of race, religion, ethnicity, citizenship, sexual orientation, ability, etc. and we want young women to join our community who are comfortable with and will respect diversity. How do you feel about that aspect of our community and why? Do you think this is important or not important?

5. I heard about SNLP through (Check all that Apply):

____ School counselor/faculty (name _____)
____ Other organization (name _____)
____ SNLP Participant (name _____)
____ Friend/relative ____ Poster/brochure ____ Other ____ Internet

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ESSAY

(Please feel free to contact us if you would like support in writing the essay.)

Please attach (staple or paper clip) a one-page essay, which tells us about *someone you admire and why you admire him or her*.

We believe that there are many reasons to admire someone and you should feel free to write something that reflects how you think and feel.

Have fun! This is not a test. It is a chance for us to learn more about you and about what you feel is important.

Applicant Signature:

I have represented myself honestly in this application to the best of my ability.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Parents/Guardians:

*I authorize the staff of Sadie Nash Leadership Project to interview _____
(applicant's name)
at her school or SNLP office.*

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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