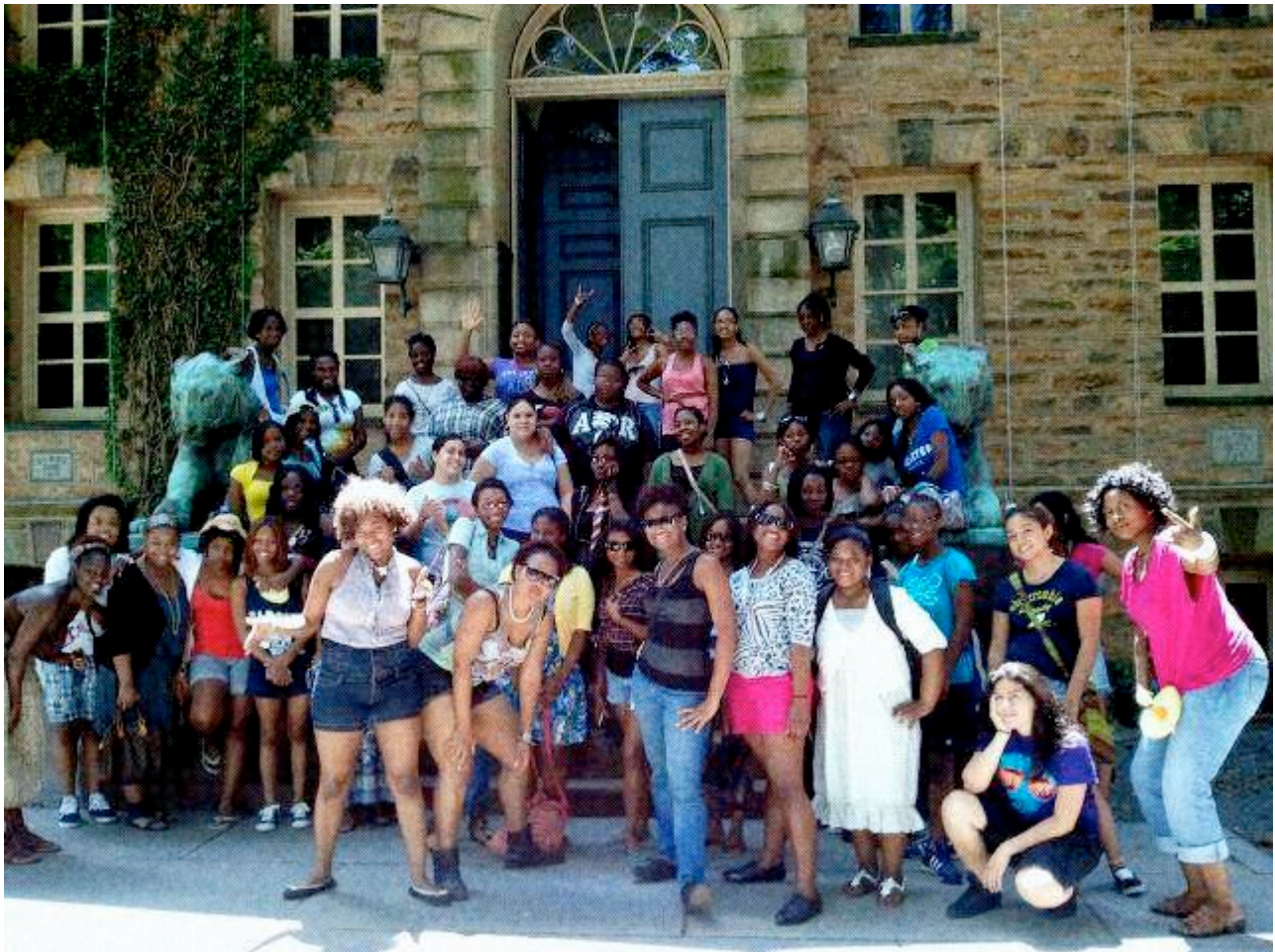


SADIE NASH LEADERSHIP PROJECT

APPLICATION PACKET
NEWARK
2012

“I’ve grown in ways I didn’t imagine. I see a change in me and a person that is willing to fight for what she believes in...”

Sadie Nash Participant, 2011



Summer Institute 2011 Participants and Deans, Princeton University

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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.

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 from Newark to join our 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 Sadie Nash Leadership Project and how to apply for our Summer Institute. By joining SNLP, you will be a part of an organization that supports the leadership of young women. *You* will turn your ideas into realities. *You* will help create a space where young women can learn from each other. *You* will lead. *You* will have a hand in shaping what **Sadie Nash Newark** will be like for other young women. We will invite a group of approximately 40 women from Newark high schools who are interested in leadership and activism to participate in the program this summer.

Please take some time to review the materials (please read all Frequently Asked Questions) and please 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 also leaders, so that they too 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 as this group of young women comes together to change the world!

“Summer Institute impacted my leadership because I am more aware of different leadership styles and I realized that as a leader I have to be willing to fail at one point or another but also have to have the strength to stand back up and fight.”

Summer Participant 2011

SADIE NASH LEADERSHIP PROJECT 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 Newark, NJ and New York City, NY. 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 come to 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). The summer program will be located in downtown Newark at the **Rutgers-Newark campus** which is accessible by bus and train. There will be required pre-session orientation meetings in early June to prepare you for the summer, and to provide an opportunity to meet the staff and to get to know each other. **The program is FREE**, and in fact you will receive a weekly stipend to attend.

What is the stipend? To help cover your expenses (food and transportation) during the summer you will receive a *stipend* during the program for every full day you are there. You only receive the stipend when you are at the program because it covers those two direct costs that come with attendance.

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, two late arrivals count as an absence. Please contact us if you have more questions about these policies.

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 reality. You will be in a safe space where learning will be dynamic and where you can be *you*. As one Newark participant said last year: *“This summer, I grew to understand I don't have to do everything on my own. I grew to understand that, at times, I may need a community to make changes, and Sadie Nash is that community.”*

How do I apply? Carefully review all the information enclosed and decide if this is the program for you. Complete and return the information in this packet including an essay by mail, fax, or email. You can also apply directly online at sadienash.org. Once all your information is submitted, you will be contacted for an interview. Please provide an email address you check regularly.

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SADIE NASH LEADERSHIP PROJECT APPLICATION PROCESS

We believe all young women should have an experience like Sadie Nash Leadership Project. However, we do not have the available spaces for everyone to attend. In order to select the best-matched candidates for the 2012 Summer Institute, 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 or look at academic records.*

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 *Please 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 24th Friday, March 23th Friday, April 20th</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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SADIE NASH LEADERSHIP PROJECT
APPLICATION FORM
(Please print clearly)

Name: _____

Home Address: _____
Street Address Apt. # City Zip Code

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Primary Email Address: _____

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

High School Name: _____

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

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

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

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 at our office.*

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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