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30th Annual



Summer WRITING WORKSHOP

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 15-19

July 6 - August 13, 2009

Noon - 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday



Amanda Fernandez

I like letting people know what I'm going through. Hopefully teen readers can relate and learn from my experiences. As a writer I'm really attached to my work so when something is cut from an article I've written it's hard to let it go. But I realize now that cuts have to be made, especially when I write so much! I've never really stuck with a lot of clubs and classes but I was happy to wake up every morning to come here.



Marsha Dupiton

The process of writing for NYC includes writing, writing and more writing. The workshop helped me build a great story and convey it properly. I liked the peer editing because I got good feedback on my writing and people really liked what I wrote. It also helped me become more comfortable meeting new people and working closely with them.

I liked the relationship between the writers and the editors. It was one-on-one, and I could be as honest as possible. You have to be yourself and get your personality in your writing—it's heartfelt, personal stuff. Other writers would give their two cents about my stories. It reminded me that it's not just me reading my story. You have to make it clear and concise, and have a final product.



Jordan Temple

NYC Summer Writing Workshop,
224 West 29th Street—2nd floor,
New York, NY 10001

Fill out the application on reverse, or to print an application visit us on the web at: WWW.YOUTHCOMM.ORG

or call:

212-279-0708 ext. 106

If you leave a message, speak clearly and slowly. Leave your full name, phone number, address, apartment #, borough and zip code.



DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS IS MAY 20, 2009

No prior journalism experience is required, but you must commit yourself to a rigorous schedule. You will spend time "in the street" as a reporter, visit offices of major news organizations and write many drafts of your stories. Alumni of our summer writing workshop have gone on to attend colleges from Hunter to Harvard, and they include reporters, lawyers, teachers and authors.

The workshop is free because we cover the \$1,200 cost for each participant.



Application for the 30th Annual *New Youth Connections*
Summer Writing Workshop

New Youth Connections is a teen-written magazine published seven times during the school year. It is distributed in public high schools, libraries and youth centers in the city, and has a readership of approximately 100,000. To apply for our Summer Writing Workshop, please fill out this form and mail it to the address below.

Dates and Times: The workshop runs Monday to Thursday from July 6th through August 13th. The hours are from noon to 5 p.m. You must be able to attend every day.

Cost: The workshop is free because our funders cover the \$1,200 cost for each participant.

Facilities: The workshop will be taught at the office of Youth Communication in Manhattan. The office is easily accessible by most major subway lines.

Staff: The full-time editors of *New Youth Connections* will teach the workshop. They have substantial experience working in journalism and working with young people. There will be a maximum of 10 students in the workshop.

Eligibility: High school juniors (who are going into their senior year in September) will be given priority, but we encourage anyone ages 15 to 19 to apply. We're interested in your writing skills, but when we judge your essays we will also look for your knowledge and enthusiasm. *NYC's* most essential job is to convey important information to teens in an interesting way.

History: This is the 30th year we have run the workshop. Our alumni are studying in the nation's finest colleges and have earned writing internships at major magazines and newspapers.

DEADLINE
The deadline is May 20
 We will notify you by May 26

Send to:
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Today's Date _____ Your age _____

Name _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ Zip _____

School _____ Grade _____

Phone (____) _____ Date of Birth _____

E-mail _____@_____

Male _____ Female _____

Race/ethnicity (check all that apply)

____Black ____Latino ____White ____Asian

____Other _____

Where did you hear about the workshop?

(e.g., teacher, ad in *NYC*, website, etc.)

On a separate piece of paper, answer the **three following questions**, and attach it to this application. **Please be thorough, but try to keep each answer to one page. Do not write more than two pages on each answer. Print neatly or type.**

1) Why do you want to write for NYC this summer? What personal strengths or interests can you bring to the publication? What do you hope to gain from the experience?

2) Food & nutrition is one of the topics we'll write about this summer. Discuss one thing related to food or nutrition that you consider important, interesting or fun to share with other teens. It could be your opinion of a food-related law (like the city's requirement that fast food restaurants post calorie counts on their menus), the challenges of trying to eat healthy food in your neighborhood, the reasons why a certain food or cuisine is important to your family—or anything else you think might engage a teen audience. Be sure to explain why you think this topic is important or interesting for teens.

3) Describe a change that you've been through. How has it affected who you are?

Questions?: Call Luisa at 212-279-0708, extension 106. If you have to leave a message, speak clearly and slowly, and leave your name and number.