

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

What is Agents of Change?

Agents of Change is an innovative leadership development program that empowers a diverse team of high school students with leadership skills, mentorship, an internship opportunity, and resources to lead action projects in the community.

Who can participate in Agents of Change?

Agents are rising sophomores and juniors in high school. This means current freshmen and sophomores who will be sophomores and juniors next year. CITs (Coaches In Training) are students who participated in Agents of Change program last summer and would like to return this summer in a more senior role.

What does the program include?

- First week of Introductory Team Dinner, Ropes Course Challenge, Leadership Training Institute, and Orientation
- Three-week intensive schedule where Agents work in teams with Leadership Coaches to invent a Leadership In Action project (LIA) (community service project):
 - Mondays and Fridays: Leadership Training, Community Visits, and Teambuilding Activities
 - Tuesdays-Thursdays: Internships in the morning, LIA in the afternoon
- Finale: LIA Fair and Awards Ceremony at the end of July
- Optional extended internships will continue during August.

What is the time commitment?

The Agents of Change program runs from 9am until 4pm Monday through Friday (excluding Monday July 5th) from July 1, 2005 until July 31, 2005. In addition, participants will attend

- an introductory Staff and Team Dinner on June 30
- a cookout and kickball tournament the evening of July 19, and
- a Leadership In Action Fair/Awards Ceremony on Sunday, July 31 from 3pm – 7pm.

Participants with extended internships will continue for 35 hours a week through Friday, August 19, 2005. Please also see our calendar on page 3.

Do CITs (Coaches In Training) need to fill out an Agent Application? Yes. We need to learn about your interests and skills so that we can effectively support you in supporting others, just as we do for Agents and Coaches.



Is it OK to miss a few days? Show up late? Leave early? We understand doctor's appointments and other family commitments, but please keep these to a minimum and reschedule if at all possible. Agents of Change is a short period of the summer and thus there is little room to "make up" activities. Because the whole program is a team effort, each member of the team, from staff to College Coaches to Agents, is depending on the rest of the team to be fully committed to Agents of Change. At the beginning of the program, everyone will receive instructions on whom to call if and when you're ill and cannot come.

What is the tuition?

Regular tuition for the Agents of Change program is \$1250. A nonrefundable registration fee of \$20 must accompany each application. For first year Agents, the \$1230 balance is due June 1 unless special arrangements have been made.

Financial aid funds and scholarships are available for students who are on reduced rate lunch plans at school. Funds are limited and need-based, so EnVision Leadership may ask for documentation. If you are awarded financial aid, you will know at the time of acceptance.

If you have been in the program before, we would like to invite you back as a CIT (Coach In Training) and your tuition is waived. If you are asked back as a Leadership Coach when you are in college, you will be awarded a stipend.

When is the application due? When do we find out if we get in? The regular deadline is May 14, 2005, and the early deadline is May 7, 2005. Applying early is strongly encouraged, and decisions will be made within two weeks of these deadlines.

How does Agents of Change handle transportation? Participants are responsible for transportation to and from the Agents of Change program day. We will be giving out free subway passes and will cover logistics for transportation during the program.

What do participants gain after completion of the program? Agents will gain a foundation of leadership that will enable them to become better leaders in their communities. We will host various reunion type events in addition to Leadership Forums that will serve to continue the leadership education of our alumni.

Where are the application materials? Visit <u>www.shareleadership.org</u> and click on "Students." We look forward to hearing from you!

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				Agents and Staff Team Dinner	Ropes Course Challenge	
July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8 Orientation,	July 9
	Day Off Holiday	Leadership Training Institute	Leadership Training Institute	Leadership Training Institute	Plan Community Tournament	
July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16
	Community Field Trip	Internship/ LIA	Internship/ LIA	Internship/ LIA	Community Field Trip	
July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23
	Community Field Trip	Internship/ LIA/ Cookout/ Kickball	Internship/ LIA	Internship/ LIA	Community Field Trip	
July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30
	Community Field Trip	Internship/ LIA	Internship/ LIA	Internship/ LIA	LIA	
July 31	August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4	August 5	August 6
LIA Fair 3-5pm/ Awards Cookout 5-7pm	(Internship)	(Internship)	(Internship)	(Internship)	(Internship)	
August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13
	(Internship)	(Internship)	(Internship)	(Internship)	(Internship)	
August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18	August 19	August 20
	(Internship)	(Internship)	(Internship)	(Internship)	(Internship)	

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