



Advocacy & Thought Leadership Internship

Promoting self-sufficiency through educational attainment and improved parenting practices.

Who We Are:

The Brooklyn Young Mothers' Collective (BYMC) provides low-income young mothers with the vision to plan and the tools to build their futures. We encourage our members to actively engage in improving their lives. BYMC provides after-school programs, education support and advocacy as well as legal information services for mothers between the ages of 12 – 21 years old.

The Internship

The Advocacy & Thought Leadership Program (ATL) trains motivated young mothers to become peer educators and active community members. Participants learn about different government systems which impact the lives of teen parents in New York City. The program also looks at the involvement of women of color in social justice movements within the United States.

Additionally, interns inform and participate in BYMC's advocacy and organizing campaign. This year ATL will focus on improving the Department of Education's (DOE) policies and services for pregnant and mothering students. Interns will meet once a week for 2 hours from February 2009 to June 2009. They will also attend at least one community event per month and plan a year-end project for June. School credit may be given for participation.

Responsibilities

- ❖ Represent BYMC at community events
- ❖ Coordinate focus groups
- ❖ Conduct research
- ❖ Support campaign work

Internship Highlights

- ❖ Meet community leaders
- ❖ Build leadership skills
- ❖ Travel opportunities
- ❖ Stipend available upon completion of program

Eligibility

ATL candidates must:

- ✓ Be a young mother between the ages of 12 – 21 years old
- ✓ Currently attending school, a YABC or GED preparation program
- ✓ Be dedicated to improving the lives of young mothers in New York City
- ✓ Be highly motivated, responsible, and a self-starter



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Application Process

All applicants will be asked to:

- ✓ Submit a completed application
- ✓ Conduct an intake with our Resource Specialist
- ✓ Complete a final interview with our Community Organizer

People interested in applying or nominating a candidate for the internship should contact:

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Applications Must Be Submitted By January 23, 2009



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APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION		
Last	First	Middle
Home Address:		Apt #:
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone #: Can a message be left here?	Cell Phone #: Can a message be left here?	
Email	Myspace or Facebook:	
Date of Birth:	Best Time to Reach You?	
Are you currently pregnant?	If yes, when are you due?	
How many children do you have?	Ages and Sex:	
EMERGENCY CONTACT		
Contact Name		
Contact Address:		
Relationship:	Contact Phone :	
Contact Name:		
Contact Address:		
Relationship:	Contact Phone:	
EDUCATION		
Current School:	Expected Graduation Date:	
Current Grade Level:	How many credits do you have?	
Counselor's Name/ Number:		



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What are your favorite subjects? Why?

EMPLOYMENT & ACTIVITIES

Are you eligible to work in the U.S.?

Are you presently employed?

If yes, please answer the following questions.

Company Name:

Job Title:

How long have you worked here?

Are you currently involved in any community programs, after school activities, case management services, etc.?

If yes, please list below:

- ❖
- ❖
- ❖
- ❖
- ❖

PERSONAL STATEMENT

I believe I am a leader because:

Three people I admire are....because:

- a.
- b.
- c.



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If I could change how people think about young mothers I would:
A piece of wisdom I would pass on to other young moms is:
Three challenges that teen mothers have are: a. b. c.
Three ways to help teen mothers succeed are: a. b. c.
PROGRAM
How did you hear about BYMC?
What do you hope to get out of your involvement with BYMC?
What about this internship will be hard for you?



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Will you need childcare while participating in this internship?	
Will you need metro card fare to participate?	
Signature:	Date: