

One Earth Writing invites teens to apply for its 2017-2018 Ambassador Program



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One Earth Writing will be accepting applications for its 2017-18 Ambassador Program.

One Earth Writing Ambassadors are teenagers interested in exploring their writing talent through a lens of identity. They are open-minded youth with a desire to lead, who will participate in regular writing workshops led by Lynne Golodner, One Earth Writing founder and CEO of the nonprofit that connects teens across racial, religious and socioeconomic divides through writing.

“As someone who loves literature and connecting with other cultures, the One Earth Writing Ambassadors program has been like no other,” said Ashleigh Garrison, a Detroit resident and 2017 graduate of International Academy East, who was part of the first OEW class of Ambassadors.

“I would recommend this program to anyone who is passionate about writing and willing to open themselves up to others’ mindsets, cultures and more. Whether you’ve been writing since adolescence or it’s something you are just getting into, apply. No matter your experience level, you’ll gain a lot of knowledge from the program. If you’re looking for a safe, judge-free environment (with great food, too), then this is the program for you.”

A maximum of 15 students will be accepted to each of the two classes, at no cost to teens. Ambassador graduates receive a certificate of completion that counts toward six hours of community service. They are then invited to apply to become Senior Ambassadors, continuing with peers in writing workshops and assuming advanced leadership roles in planning and leading programs for their peers in the community.

“It is our goal at One Earth Writing to use story as a way of expanding world views, working with youth to change a generation’s perspective, so that one day, we may live in a world where we see similarity rather than difference,” said Golodner.

The following OEW Ambassador programs will be held during the 2017/2018 academic year:

OCT. 17-DEC. 19 (NO CLASS OCTOBER 31ST OR NOVEMBER 21ST)

Tuesday meetings: 5:30-8:30 p.m., dinner included, transportation available as needed

Location: Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

Submission deadline: Sept. 25, 2017

FEB. 6-MARCH 27

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Submission deadline: Jan. 10, 2018

Interested teens must write a one-page letter explaining why they are interested in becoming a OEW Ambassador, why they will be a unique and interesting fit for this diverse group of student writers, and what they hope to do with the leadership and writing skills they gain through the program.

Teenagers (grades 7-12) are invited to submit their letter along with a writing sample to oneearthwriting.org/ambassadors/apply

For information, visit oneearthwriting.org or call (248) 376-0406 or email lynne@oneearthwriting.org.