

Girls Inc. of Westchester

Girls Leadership Council



Support the Girls Leadership Council

A HANDS-ON EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

designed to activate girls' leadership qualities, to help girls find their voices, and to help them develop the confidence they need to succeed in the areas that matter to them.

A RESEARCH-BASED CURRICULUM delivered by trained facilitators that requires a 1-year commitment and includes 35 hours of nationally-tested leadership training.

A CHANCE FOR 10 PASSIONATE YOUNG WOMEN from high-need Westchester communities to craft individualized Leadership Development Plans, to become peer educators, and to conceive and produce their own school action projects.

INTENSIVE SUMMER TRAINING AND YEAR-ROUND WORKSHOPS featuring strong female role models, career and college planning, public speaking and networking opportunities, and hands-on advocacy.

AN AMBASSADOR PROGRAM which gives girls the opportunity to represent Girls Inc. in the community.

Give girls the opportunity to:

- Develop strong leadership skills and techniques.
- Tackle issues of concern within their schools and communities.
- Become confident public presenters and speakers.
- Learn to set goals and manage time.
- Engage in educational and career planning.
- Build interview and resume writing skills.
- Discover how to rally support to create change.
- Network with women from a range of careers.
- Design independent school action programs that reflect their own concerns and interests.

Council Girls Believe...

"that determination can allow you to do anything you desire" • "that every single human being on this earth has the potential to do great things" • "that everyone should have equal opportunities and that everyone should be treated equally and not be judged because of their skin color or their race" • "if I am a part of this program, I will be able to accomplish things I would have never imagined I could have" • "the world is a beautiful place and so is life. "

Council Girls...

Come From... Gorton High, White Plains High, Mamaroneck High, and New Rochelle High, and receive a \$500 stipend to enable their participation in the program.

Are Chosen... After completing a minimum of one semester of Girls Inc. programming; submitting an in-depth application; and providing recommendations.

Are Interested in Careers in... Education • Medicine • Science • Culinary Arts • Music • Psychology • Visual Arts • Fashion • Government • Marketing • National Security • Veterinary Medicine • Criminal Investigation, and more.

Want... "to be the voice of certain people that can't do it for themselves" • "to not be afraid to cross the boundaries society builds on us" • "to learn about other girls and just what is out there waiting for me" • "to be the change in my school" • "to be with like-minded girls who aspire to teach others about important issues" • "to change the world" • "to learn more about myself as a female and (to be) in a group that empowers me and gives me confidence and poise" • "a way to lead other girls to the right path" • "to learn more about everything."

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Hope to change the world by... "recycling" • "making sure that programs like Girls Inc. are available for all people" • "stopping child exploitation" • "ending violence" • "finding a cure for AIDS" • "making wars obsolete" • "buying better irrigation systems for poor countries" • "getting rid of everyone's ability to judge others" • "eliminating racism. "

Sign up for the Council Because... "I have always had a hunger for knowledge" • "being challenged is something that I am not only willing to do but also enjoy" • "it pushes what I am currently capable of to what I can be capable of" • "things are not going to be handed to me, I am going to have to work at them" • "it will improve my confidence" • "I can't grasp the fact that there are people in the world that have so much money and that don't have a care financially while there are others that do not know where they will sleep the next night or where they will obtain their next meal" • "I am very ambitious."

Need You.