

The Greenlining Academy

A Multi-Ethnic, Public Policy and Leadership Training Program

INVESTING PAYS-OFF (IPO) HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

An application checklist is provided below to help you assemble all required materials. Your application should be **received** at the Greenlining Academy office no later than April 16, 2010. This application is also available at: www.greenlining.org/academy. IPO High School Summer Camp Applicants must be high school students in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade. Students will be notified no later than May 14, 2010 regarding their acceptance to the summer camp.

Students planning to attend summer school should not apply. Greenlining is a multi-ethnic organization that embraces diversity and encourages all applicants regardless of race, color, gender, national or ethnic origin, political or religious affiliation, sexual orientation or physical ability to apply.

CONTACT AND MAILING INFORMATION

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IPO High School Summer Camp
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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please complete and submit this entire application form. Your application will be considered complete when all required materials are received. Please do not submit supplemental application materials other than those specifically requested.

- One completed application form
- One-page personal statement
- One copy of a current resume or interest inventory
- Two letters of recommendation
- One copy of current high school transcripts

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name Initial **First Name** **Middle**

Street Address **City State** **Zip Code**

Preferred Telephone Number **Email Address**

Race/Ethnicity (optional) **Gender**

First Language Spoken **Other Languages**

High School Grade Level in 2009-2010 **Date of Birth**

Person or Organization that referred you to the IPO High School Summer Camp

REQUIRED SIGNITURES

I, the undersigned, certify that all the information I have provided is true.
Applicant
Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the legal parent or guardian of the above participant and that they have permission to apply for consideration of admittance into the IPO High School Summer Camp.
Parent/Guardian
Signature: _____ Date: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT

A one page (no more than 500 words) personal statement should be typed on a separate sheet of paper. Please set the margins of the personal statement at one inch. Your personal statement should be just that - personal. In order to help us to choose the best possible candidate we ask that you answer the following questions somewhere within your statement.

1. What unique qualities and/or perspectives would you bring to the IPO High School Summer Camp? For example, unique personal traits, your passion for a particular cause, pride in your culture, where you're from, or challenges you've been able to overcome.
2. How have you benefited from participating in past or current extra-curricular activities?
3. How will the IPO High School Summer Camp help you meet your overall goals in life?

Please rank the issue areas according to your preference (1-3):

_____ New Media: With over 200,000 videos uploaded on YouTube everyday and new technological advances happening so rapidly, media has become a great tool. Students will learn the importance of how media shapes general opinion and how it can be used in the fight for social justice.

_____ Sustainable Development: California is the most populous state in the country with nearly 40 million people and growing. The global warming crisis has prompted the state to re-evaluate its energy uses and look for new ways to develop clean energy sources. How can California accommodate the energy needs of its diverse population and still work to protect the environment?

_____ Banking: Homeownership is essential to building wealth in America. In 2009 alone, one in every 180 homes or approximately 450,000 home foreclosures occurred in California. This housing crisis disproportionately affected communities of color. Why is asset building important, particularly for low-income and communities of color? Why and in what ways have communities of color been impacted by the recent economic crisis?

E-mail any questions to ipo@greenlining.org.



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APPLICANT RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of
Applicant: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Instructions to Applicant: Please reproduce this recommendation form and give it to someone who has significant and direct knowledge of your qualifications and character. Consider recent employers, professional colleagues, volunteer/community members, faculty and other personal references (not including relatives). Each letter should be sealed in an envelope, signed with their signature across the seal, and returned to you for inclusion in your application packet.

Applicant Waiver: *The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 opens many student records for the student's inspection. The law also permits the student to sign a waiver relinquishing their right to inspect letters of recommendation. The applicant's signature below constitutes a waiver; no signature means the applicant will have the right to read this reference. Upon receipt of this form, Greenlining may contact the reference by telephone for verification purposes.*

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Instructions to Recommender: Thank you for taking the time to write a recommendation for the applicant to the Greenlining Academy IPO High School Summer Camp. The Greenlining Academy trains multi-ethnic individuals in public policy and advocacy through hands-on training. Detailed information regarding each of our programs can be found on our website at www.greenlining.org. We appreciate your candid assessment of the applicant's character, intelligence, attitude and leadership abilities.

- Include a daytime telephone number
- Sign and date your letter of recommendation
- Place your letter and this recommendation form in a sealed envelope
- Write your signature over the envelope seal
- Return the sealed envelope to the applicant for submission with their application

Ideal candidates for the IPO High School Summer Camp program fulfill the following qualifications:

- Demonstrate commitment to community service and extra-curricular activities
- Possess a mature attitude of personal responsibility and respect for others
- Ability to work in a fast paced, flexible and creative environment
- Possess excellent communication skills