



Teens Write About Hopes, Dreams And Race

One Earth Writing Ambassadors Program Begins Oct 17

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

“One Earth Writing Ambassadors are teenagers interested in exploring their writing talent through a lens of identity,” said CEO/Founder Lynne Golodner. “They are open-minded youth with a desire to lead.”

One Earth Writing is currently looking for teens (grades 7-12th) to participate in regular writing workshops led by Golodner. The 2017-2018 Ambassadors Program offers two separate semester programs, one for fall (October 17-December 19) and another for winter (February 6-March 27, 2018). Ambassador graduates also receive a certificate of completion that counts toward six hours of community service.

“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,” said Garrison.

Students who are interested are encouraged to submit a one-page letter explaining why they are interested in becoming a One Earth Writing Ambassador and why they will be a unique and interesting fit for this program. A maximum of 15 students are accepted to each class at no cost to teens or parents. The program also includes dinner and transportation as needed.

The Ambassadors program meetings for both semesters will be held at Madonna University, located at 36600 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 every Tuesday from 5:30pm-8:00pm.

“If you’re looking for a safe, judge-free environment (with great food, too), then this is the program for you,” said Garrison.

Applicants submit samples of their best writing, along with their application letter at oneearthwriting.org

The submission deadline dates are as followed:

- Fall 2017 OEW Ambassadors: Submission deadline: September 25, 2017
- Winter 2018 OEW Ambassadors: Submission deadline: January 10, 2018

For additional information, call (248) 376-0406 or visit oneearthwriting.org

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