

## New Settlement G.O.A.L. Program 2021-22 Participant Agreement (Girls Organized to Achieve Leadership)

I, (print name) \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to comply with all guidelines and expectations as set forth below for participants in the G.O.A.L. Program at New Settlement.

1. I will attend program **every Monday night 6:30-8pm from September 27th – December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and January 24<sup>th</sup> – May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022; plus 2 Tuesdays per month from September 28th 2021 - May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022** for the following classes and college workshops:
  - ✓ ***Taking Care of Business<sup>SM</sup>***, a girls-only health and sexuality education program. This program will be mostly in person. When it meets in person sessions will be held EITHER at YAOI office located on 19 E. Mount Eden Ave or in Community Room 1 at 1514 Townsend Avenue. Remote sessions will be held on Zoom. Limited participants may choose to enroll 100% remote, in which case they will still be expected to attend the same sessions/dates as the in-person participants but will always use the Zoom link.
  - ✓ **College Explorers Workshops** 2 Tuesdays per month, beginning October 13th. These workshops will meet Hybrid from October 2021 – May 2022. Participants will be given a calendar of dates at the 1<sup>st</sup> class.
  - ✓ Note that Monday classes will resume on January 25, 2021 with one of two courses. If in person we will start ***Living Safe and Strong***, a self-defense and violence prevention program (which requires physical instruction and special equipment). **OR**, if still partly remote, we will start ***Futures and Options***, a financial literacy curriculum focused on making informed choices about credit & loans, building professional resumes and interview skills, and budgeting for the life you want and need. Either way, the Monday class will meet Jan-May, 2022, Mondays 6:30-8pm.
  - ✓ Note that Juniors may have the opportunity to enroll in a more intensive college prep course at the College Access Center January-May 2022, which will meet twice a week, 4:30-6pm Tuesdays & Thursdays and will include free SAT prep, as well as targeted college prep workshops and visits to colleges. Juniors who enroll in this option will sign a new agreement in January and may be offered an increase in the monthly stipend (TBD).
2. I will arrive promptly for all workshops, virtual trips and sessions (whether online or in-person) and be prepared to actively participate in activities and discussions. I understand that if I am more than 15 minutes late for a workshop, I might not be able to participate; also, that a lack of participation may result in a loss of stipend.
3. For remote sessions I will keep my video on, unless I have made special arrangement with the staff (i.e. if your internet can't handle video, or there is an issue with using video in the space you will participate from remotely). *If I arrange to keep my video off, I know that I will still be expected to respond promptly to questions and discussion points, in order to be counted present.*
4. I will uphold the group agreements for all related programs, workshops and trips. This includes agreeing NOT to take any screenshots of remote sessions or saving chats (unless specified in-session). NOTE: Sessions will never be recorded without your consent (in advance). Chats may be temporarily saved by staff for recall purposes but will never be shared in any public way, unless agreed upon by all participants involved.
5. I will show respect for program staff and other participants at all times, including (but not limited to) accepting

differences of opinion, background, personality, style, gender expression and identification and/or sexual orientation.

6. I understand that committing or inciting violence against another participant will not be tolerated under any circumstances, and will jeopardize my enrollment. I understand that cyber bullying another participant via social media may well be considered violence or incitement to violence.
7. I understand that arriving to program (whether remote or in-person) under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be considered disrespectful to both staff and other participants and will both jeopardize my enrollment and result in a loss of stipend for that cycle.

**BENEFITS:**

For my regular attendance and participation in the programs, workshops, and/or trips outlined above, and adherence to program agreements, I will be able to:

1. Receive accurate and up-to-date information about the college admissions process.
2. Receive accurate and up-to-date information about sexual and reproductive health (including birth control methods), and healthy relationship training.
3. Request referrals for affordable reproductive health services.
4. Request a one-to-one meeting with any program staff or director, to be arranged at the earliest opportunity (possibly virtually), to discuss my goals or challenges at school or within the Program for Girls & Young Women.
5. Schedule one-to-one college counseling sessions with educational advisors at the College Access Center as needed.
6. Request a letter of recommendation from program director or staff for academic or employment opportunities (such as college applications, scholarship competitions, internships or jobs).
7. Share any suggestions I might have about the structure and content of the program with program staff and directors.
8. For every cycle of 5 consecutive commitments (including Monday night classes and College workshops)
  - ✓ I will receive a **stipend of \$50 for perfect attendance**, or
  - ✓ If I have attended **at least 3 of the 5 commitments**, I will receive a **stipend of \$25**. \*Remote attendance counts as long as you are on time and actively participate.
  - ✓ Stipends may be paid by check, which can be mailed to your home (or any address you provide) OR picked up in person, when ready, by arrangement with Tasheema. Checks will be made payable to you OR a name that you specify (i.e. a relative who can cash or deposit it for you). Mailing address and payee name must be consistent for the semester.
  - ✓ Stipends can also be paid in cash at (or after) the Monday night session AFTER each cycle of 5 commitments has been completed. Check with Tasheema for the stipend payment dates.

Please choose your **preferred method of payment**:

**Check.** Please make the check payable to: \_\_\_\_\_

And mail it to the following address: \_\_\_\_\_

Note that checks will not be requested until after the cycle of 5 commitments has been completed, and take 1-2 weeks to reach the addressee.

**Cash.** Note that cash payments will not be available until the Monday session AFTER 5 a cycle of 5 commitments has been completed.

**Let us know HOW you will be participating!**

**In-Person** Most classes will be onsite, and some will be remote (refer to calendar). NOTE: **We can only safely accommodate 15 students in-person**, so we will accept hybrid participants on a first come, first-served basis, based upon the return of these signed agreements. *You can change to 100% Remote at any time, just let us know. You may also attend remotely if you are ill or unable to make it to an in-person session, as long as you are able to connect and participate in the entire session.*

**REMOTE.** (with prior approval only, limited spots) You will only attend via Zoom for this semester. We suggest you select the Check payment option. *You may switch to HYBRID later providing there are spots – only 15 hybrid participants can be accommodated in our space. If we have 15, you may be wait-listed to switch if a spot opens up.*

I accept that my enrollment in the G.O.A.L. Program is based on my ability to maintain all of these commitments, and that the monthly stipend can be canceled at the discretion of the program director due to: excessive and/or repeated lateness, excessive absences, lack of participation, missing too many of any one component of the program or demonstrated inability to uphold program agreements. I understand that any session or workshop during which I violate program agreements will not count towards my monthly stipend and will jeopardize my enrollment.

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

*The G.O.A.L. Program is a offered in collaboration between New Settlement's Program for Girls & Young Women and College Access Center. The program also incorporates curriculum developed by Girls Incorporated®, and partners with Morris Heights Health Center, NYC Teens Connection and Montefiore's Adolescent AIDS Program and others to provide resources, referrals, special presentations and workshops.*