



Teen Photography Program Scholarship Application 2016-2017 School Year

Please return this application to:

Mail: NYC SALT

214 W. 29th Street, Suite 1401

NY, NY 10001

Email: a scanned copy to: applications@nycsalt.org

Applications: *Please submit the following:*

- (1) this form
- (2) current school transcript
- (3) essay questions
- (4) any existing photography work or portfolio
- (5) two letters of recommendation from a teacher and your guidance counselor
- (6) a parent statement of commitment (This should be a paragraph written and signed by a parent or guardian stating that they are committed to helping you maintain perfect participation and attendance in the program, and will not plan appointments, trips, or other events that will conflict with your class participation.)

Applications will not be considered if they are incomplete or do not include supporting material. For more information contact Stephanie Baer, Program Coordinator:

applications@nycsalt.org or 917-929-0325

Application Deadline: May 31, 2016 at 11.59pm.

Applicants will be informed of their application status latest by June 28, 2016.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday – Thursday, June 7 through June 9, 2016 (4:00-8:00 pm): Qualifying students participate in 30-minute professional interview session and must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or sponsor. The interview will take place at: 214 West 29th Street Suite 1401, between 7/8th Ave.

Program Description:

Students complete a 35-week college-level, pre-professional immersion in digital photography and storytelling. The studio program is free of charge for students who qualify.

We offer a one-year scholarship to the NYC SALT photography program with a value of \$7000 for youth ages 14-19 in high school who qualify for free or reduced price lunch in public schools to attend our photography program. Qualification is verified with each student's school.

If you are not sure if you qualify or if you have special circumstances, please speak to us about determining your eligibility.

The focus of our program is to provide our students with photography and digital media classes taught by professionals working in the creative industry in NYC. We not only give instruction on the craft of photography, but also on the business of how to make a living with photography. Students are taught how to use Digital SLR cameras and Adobe software, as well as familiarized with equipment in a photography studio. We take field trips to creative industry companies to learn about career paths, and we will do Saturday fieldtrips once a month to cool places for photo shoots. During the summer, students are encouraged and helped to identify precollege and enrichment opportunities to further their interests. In addition, we include a college prep program that will help students study for the ACT and support them with college selection, applications and financial aid. We engage college guidance counselor, ACT teacher, tutors and other special guests to assist our students in getting ready for college. Furthermore, we will take multiple college visit trips in and out of state to a variety of schools to offer our students a greater understanding of what college life is about.

**There is no prerequisite for this course.*

Financial Information:

Upon acceptance to the program, students' schools will be contacted to confirm their eligibility for free or reduced price lunch. If the school is unable to confirm your eligibility, we have a couple other options for qualifying:

1. Provide documentation that your family is receiving SNAP, FDPIR, or TANF benefits.
2. Submit the names and ages of your household members, your family's gross income for 2015, and the signature of an adult family member.

If we are not able to confirm your eligibility with your school and you are not able to provide any of the above documentation, we are willing to consider petitions for exceptions in special circumstances. Please speak with us if this applies to you.

Eligibility:

The Residency Program is an intensive and challenging program requiring an exceptionally high level of commitment from all participants.

The class meets on Thursdays from 4:00pm to 7:00pm from the beginning of September to mid-June, with a mandatory lab class every Tuesday from 4-6pm and Saturday fieldtrips once a month throughout the year. A schedule will be given to students and families at orientation at the beginning of the year.

The class meets with breaks corresponding to the school calendar. The program's total time commitment is a minimum of six-eight hours per week. This includes Thursday's class, lab hours on Tuesdays, monthly Saturday field trips as well as additional special events (e.g. ACT prep once a week, fall retreat, college visit during spring break). We expect all students to meet this requirement with integrity and commitment. An attendance policy is strictly enforced. After three unexcused absences, the student will lose his/her spot in the class.

Do not apply to this program if you are bound to any prior clubs or programs for the school year. Your success in this program correlates to the amount of time and energy you put into the work you do with us. Perfect attendance is mandatory. The value of your experience depends on maintaining great dedication to our program and your fellow NYC SALT photographers.

During lab classes, students will be taught how to use Adobe Lightroom, Photoshop and Photo Mechanic and be assigned a photo editor to work with them throughout the year. Students will be given weekly assignments and be responsible to upload their work to a class folder for critique in class each week. At the end of the year, all students are expected to contribute to planning a gallery show of their work for the community.

**Students applying must have a grade point average of a "C" or above to be eligible for the program. Please submit a school transcript, 2 letters of recommendation and a parent commitment letter along with your application.*

Carefully fill out both sides of this application and return it to NYC SALT and send a link to your portfolio or pictures you have taken to applications@nycsalt.org. Upon review of your application, you will be contacted to set up a 1-on-1 interview with a parent or guardian when there is an opening in the program. Application and interview do not guarantee admission into the program. You will be notified of class placement by the end of June.

PART ONE: STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Today's Date: _____ School Year Applying For: _____

Personal Information (please print clearly)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Grade for the 2016-17 year: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Student Home Phone #: _____ Student Mobile #: _____

Street Address: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Neighborhood: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Home Phone: _____ Parent/Guardian Mobile #: _____

Preferred Mode of Communication with Parent/Guardian: Email Mobile Home Phone

Languages spoken by Parent/Guardian:
 English Spanish French other (please specify): _____

School: _____ School Neighborhood: _____

School Guidance Counselor:

Counselor Email:

Counselor Phone:

How did you hear about NYC SALT?

Emergency contact:

Please name a parent, guardian or relative who speaks English and shall be notified in case of an emergency during fieldtrips.

Name:

Relationship to Student:

Home Phone:

Mobile #:

Work #:

PART TWO: SOCIAL MEDIA

Part of our curriculum focuses on social media platforms to publish your photography work. We would like to see how you are currently using social media to for your photography. Please list links to the accounts listed below and any not listed that you feel comfortable sharing with us. (Personal accounts are not necessary to note):

Facebook:

Twitter:

Instagram:

Tumblr:

Your Website:

Your Blog:

Flickr:

Additional:

PART THREE: STUDENT ESSAY

To provide us with a better understanding of your photography experience and interest in the class, please **type** your detailed answers to the following questions on a **separate piece of paper**:

1. Please write a one-page essay about why you are interested in photography and what you like best about it.
2. Why would you like to be apart of our program? What do you hope to accomplish? What will you bring to the class to help build it into a strong community of students?

PART FOUR: STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Do you want to go to college? If so where and what are you interested in studying? Do you desire to create a portfolio to use for college applications?

What kind of career are you interested in?

Are you involved in other activities during the school year? If so, please list them including what day and times of the week are committed to each activity.

Do you have any past experience in digital photography? If so, please describe the skills you learned, what classes you've taken and how many sessions.

PART FIVE: ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT

This section must be completed by both the Parent / Guardian and the Student.

The NYC SALT studio program requires students to attend every class and program element according to the schedule (incl. lab hours, Saturday fieldtrips, ACT prep class, college prep class etc.). Attendance is mandatory. Absences must be documented or otherwise explained. As a scholarship student, three or more absences will result in dismissal from the program. Punctuality is critical and tardiness beyond 15 minutes (unless documented and otherwise explained) will be considered an absence.

Parent / Guardian Permission:

Please have your parent / guardian sign. We will call to confirm signature.

I am the parent or legal guardian of _____(print student name), and I understand that they are applying to be apart of the NYC SALT photography program. I give my permission for the student named above to participate in the photography classes at NYC SALT (including all program elements, such as college and ACT prep classes). I will commit to assisting them in attending and completing this class successfully. I give permission for photos of my child to be taken and used for the purposes of the NYC SALT program. I give permission for NYC SALT to have joint copyright ownership of all photographic works created by my child while he/she is a part of the NYC SALT program in high school and college.

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Parent Signature

Date

Relationship to Student

Cell Phone

If accepted, I, _____(print student name), agree to attend all classes according to the program schedule (including all program elements, such as college and ACT prep classes). If I am unable to attend, I will contact the instructor in advance. I give permission for NYC SALT to have joint copyright ownership of all photographic works created while I am part of the NYC SALT program in high school and college.

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Date

PART SIX: SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

Please find two adults who are not related to you to support your participation in NYC SALT.

I am a sponsor to the above referenced student, and I understand that they are applying to be apart of the photography program. I will commit to assisting them in attending and completing this class successfully.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Comments: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Comments: _____

The information provided in this application is complete and accurate. If accepted, I will be committed to attending all classes and participating in photography projects.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Priority will be given to students whose applications are received before/by the deadline. Application and interview do not guarantee admission into the program.