

## Teen Reviewers and Critics (TRaC) Summer 2019 Application Preview

**Deadline: Sunday, April 28, 2019**

Applying to become a **TRaC participant** takes only a few simple steps outlined below. If you have additional questions about TRaC or about the application process, contact Teen Programs Manager, Kristina Gonzalez at [GonzalezK@artsconnection.org](mailto:GonzalezK@artsconnection.org) or (212) 302-7433 ext. 456.

**We're offering *Map Free City*, a FREE intensive Summer Teen Reviews and Critics (TRaC) program in July.** Based on your choice of **Music** or **Multi-Arts**, we will be exploring the best of NYC by traveling to FREE arts and cultural events in all 5 boroughs of the city. Participants will write about their arts experiences and publish content on [teens.artsconnection.org](https://teens.artsconnection.org). Snacks and MetroCards will be provided.

### Summer 2019 TRaC Offerings:

**MUSIC:** Discuss and write about music artists, concerts, new releases and more! Past concerts and venues include: Miguel, Erykah Badu at the Brooklyn Museum, Gramercy Theatre, and B.B. Kings Blues Club.

**MULTI-ARTS:** Discuss, write about and create digital media content in response to art. Past performances and venues include: Soundings at MoMA, The Museum of Arts and Design, The Kitchen and WNYC.

***Map Free City*** will take place from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from **July 9 - August 1, 2019 for Music and Multi-Arts TRaC** with additional evening events at least once a week. Times are subject to change depending on event schedules. The program will meet on the following dates:

- Tuesday, July 9
- Wednesday, July 10
- Thursday, July 11
- Tuesday, July 16
- Wednesday, July 17
- Thursday, July 18
- Tuesday, July 23
- Wednesday, July 24
- Thursday, July 25
- Tuesday, July 30
- Wednesday, July 31
- Thursday, August 1

## Eligibility:

This program is open to high school students in NY and NJ, including those who graduated in Spring 2019, who can commit to the entire program. Students who recently completed 8th grade and will enter high school in Fall 2019 are **NOT** eligible to participate this summer. We invite those students to apply for the Fall 2019 TRaC program.

## Application Instructions:

1. **Click on *Log-In and Apply*.** For new registrants this will allow you to set up a profile and see other open applications in Teen Programs. Be sure to include your most accurate contact information in the bio so we can communicate with you. Do not include email addresses or phone numbers that you rarely use.
2. **Check the *Open Applications* link on the sidebar and start the *Teen Reviewers and Critics Application*.** The application asks you a few questions about your availability to attend meetings, your interest in the program, and your experience working in groups. We strongly recommend that you read over your answers before submitting your application to ensure they are clear. Here are the questions we ask you to answer on the application:
  - a. You'll be asked to rank your TRaC choices in order of preference
  - b. What is the name and email address of the teacher recommending you for the program?  
No written recommendation is needed. Guidance counselors and career advisors are also applicable.
  - c. How did you learn about the Teen Reviewers and Critics (TRaC) program? Select all that apply:
    - You are a returning TRaC participant
    - Other ArtsConnection Teen Program participant (ie: SAP, High 5, PaaM)
    - Friends and family/word of mouth
    - Friends and family participated
    - Social media
    - School
    - Other teen or arts program outside of ArtsConnection  
Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Search engine/Teen Programs website
    - Advertisement (print or online)
  - d. TRaC is a fun, but a serious commitment that depends on each participant's punctuality and communication. Will you be able to be ON TIME for and ATTEND ALL weekly workshops from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.? Select one of the following responses:
    - Yes, definitely!
    - No, I have other commitments that will make me late.
    - Maybe, it depends on my schedule
    - Most of the time, although I have few conflicts that I can tell you about
  - e. Will you be able to check your email for weekly schedule updates from TRaC instructors/program director? Select one of the following responses:
    - Yes, definitely! I'm always online and in the know.
    - No, I do not have regular access to email.
    - I don't usually check my email that often, but I will make an exception for TRaC.
  - f. In addition to daily workshops, TRaC participants are also required to attend additional and mandatory performances (shows, plays, concerts, galleries, etc.) with their TRaC group. Most of

these art events will take place after the workshop. Will you be able to attend these additional performances? Select one of the following responses.

- Yes, definitely!
    - No, not at all. I have no extra free time.
    - Probably, I'd just have to check my schedule.
  - g. Since most performances have approximate running times between 2-3 hours, TRaC may dismiss as late as 10pm on days when performances are scheduled. If your parents have any questions or concerns about dismissal times, please have them contact TRaC Program Manager, Kristina Gonzalez, at GonzalezK@artsconnection.org or 212-302-7433 ext 456. Do you have permission from your parents to participate? Select one of the following responses.
    - Yes, definitely!
    - No, my parents are not comfortable with that.
    - I hope so, but they might have some concerns.
  - h. What role do the arts play in your life?
  - i. Please describe an experience you had working in a group. What were some successes? What were some challenges?
  - j. Describe an experience that made you see things in a new way or challenged your thinking.
  - k. What are some skills or qualities you hold that would be important to the program?
  - l. What other internships, after-school programs, or extracurricular activities have you participated in (in or out of school)? Are you currently participating in any of these programs?
  - m. Is there anything else you would like to share? A particular hobby or talent? A food you just won't eat? Your favorite artist, musician, dancer or actor? Tell us something about yourself that stands out!
2. **Save and submit your application.** You can save your application and work on it later if you need to by clicking the **SAVE** button at the bottom of the screen. This is a great tool if you need more time to think about your answers. Just keep in mind that you will have to log in to the Teen Application Portal to complete and submit your application in order for it to be reviewed for the program. Once you submit the application, then you'll receive a confirmation email telling you that we have your application.
3. **Application Timeline.** Applications must be submitted no later than **Sunday, April 28**. Select applicants will be invited to interview for the program. All applicants will be notified of their application status by Monday, May 20, 2019.