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Teen Reviewers and Critics (TRaC) - Map Free City **Summer 2022** Application Preview

Deadline: Sunday, May 29, 2022

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, Bridget Johnson at johnsonb@artsconnection.org or (212) 302-7433 ext. 456.

What is Map Free City?

A FREE intensive, summer, Multi-Arts Teen Reviews and Critics (TRaC) program in July. Over 4 weeks, you'll explore NYC's exciting arts offerings! Participants will write about their arts experiences and publish content on teens.artsconnection.org.

Multi-Arts Discipline

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.

Commitment

Map Free City will take place from **2:00 pm to 4:30 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from July 5– July 28, 2022**. The program will meet on the following dates:

- Tuesday, July 5
- Wednesday, July 6
- Thursday, July 7
- Tuesday, July 12
- Wednesday, July 13
- Thursday, July 14
- Tuesday, July 19
- Wednesday, July 20
- Thursday, July 21
- Tuesday, July 26
- Wednesday, July 27
- Thursday, July 28

Eligibility

This program is open to students ages 14-19 in NY and NJ, including those who graduated from high school in Spring 2022, who can commit to the entire program. Students who recently completed 8th grade and will enter high school in Fall 2022 are NOT eligible to participate this summer. We invite those students to apply for the Fall 2022 TRaC program.

Application Instructions

Step 1: Log-in OR Register and Create a Profile

Click the red square labeled **Apply**.

If you have a username and password, log-in. Then select **My Profile** and review your information. Update all material including your grade, address, and phone number.

If you are a new registrant, select **Register**. Set up a profile with your information. Make sure your contact information is accurate so that we can reach you. Only include email addresses or phone numbers that you use regularly.

Step 2: Select Application

Click **Applications**. Here, you will see all of the open applications. Select **Teen Reviewers and Critics Map Free City**.

Step 3: Apply

Time to apply. Below are the questions you will be asked. We strongly recommend that you read over your answers before submitting your application to ensure they are clear.

Section 1: Commitment and Availability

1. What is the name and email address of the teacher recommending you for this program?

*NOTE: No written recommendation is needed. Guidance counselors and career advisors are also applicable.

2. How did you learn about Map Free City/ Teen Reviewers and Critics (TRaC)? 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)

3. 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.
4. 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.

Section 2: Short Answer

5. What role do the arts play in your life?
6. Please describe an experience you had working in a group. What were some successes? What were some challenges?
7. Describe an experience that made you see things in a new way or challenged your thinking.
8. 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?
9. 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!

Step 4: Submit

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.

Application Timeline

Applications must be submitted no later than **Sunday, May 29**. Select applicants will be invited to interview for the program. All applicants will be notified of their application status by Monday, June 6, 2022.