

A LETTER FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dear Parents, Participants, and Community Partners:

Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey is pleased to announce our new virtual initiative - Learning with Girls Inc. Philly & South Jersey at H. O. M. E (Hands-on Opportunities Minds-on Experiences). We are excited to take our virtual programs to the next level! Over the past few months we have launched a variety of virtual program opportunities for girls ages 5-18. We have offered over 100+ virtual classes, mentoring experiences, and career exploration sessions to provide educational, recreational and wellness programs to our participants.

We are committed to ensuring that girls have the tools they need to excel. Our programs are designed with each girl in mind- providing them with the attitude and aptitude needed to excel in their academic and professional interest of choice.

The Learning with Learning with Girls Inc. Philly & South Jersey at H. O. M. E initiative expands our efforts to prepare girls with in- demand knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to excel. Our programs will continue to focus on Healthy Living, Academic Enrichment and Leadership development all facilitated by trained professionals that understand and value the Girls Inc. Experience. This program model will include:

- Trained program leaders
- Interactive, structured weekly sessions
- Strong, Smart and Bold Curricula with a specific focus on Healthy Living (Strong), Academic Engagement and Success (Smart), and Life Skills or Character Development (Bold).
- Group mentoring experiences
- Career Exploration and Panel discussions
- Hands-on & Minds on activities that can be completed safely at home

Finally, Learning with Girls Inc. Philly & South Jersey at H. O. M. E program will expand our reach and bring together girls from diverse communities that would normally not have an opportunity to build a sisterhood. Girls will have the opportunity to make new friends on line and receive mentoring support from caring adults.

This guide will help parents, participants, facilitators and partners understand our virtual program model; as it will now be a pillar in our program model. We have proven our ability to provide quality outcome-based programs to over 3,000 girls locally, and we look forward to being a resource to more girls in our community.

We look forward to learning with you!

Best,

Natasha J. Andrews
Director of Program and Community Engagement

HOW IT WORKS

To continuously provide quality Girls Inc. programs during the COVID-19 pandemic, Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey will launch Learning with Girls Inc. Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey at H.O.M.E. Program. The safety of our girls, families, and staff remains our number one priority, which is why we made the tough decision to suspend in-person programs and only offer virtual initiatives during the Fall/Winter term. We are hard at work planning safe, fun, and educational programs by using input from our families and local leaders, while utilizing the guidelines issued from the Centers for Disease Prevention & Control (CDC).

Through our newest initiative, Learning with Girls Inc. at H.O.M.E., girls will engage in hands-on and minds-on activities that will allow them to learn and inspire them to be strong, smart, and bold.

Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey will utilize online platforms such as ClassDojo, Band App, and Zoom to implement the program virtually. Girls Inc. Will utilize Class Dojo and Band App to communicate with participants, families, and our program team. Through these apps, we will share pictures/videos, post updates, and post Zoom links.

Zoom allows us to deliver live educational experiences and connect us through video, phone, and chat room functions. Girls are encouraged to join with video on to promote a sense of community and positive interactions. Be advised that Zoom has its own privacy terms and conditions to which participants must adhere. Review Zoom's privacy terms and conditions carefully before registering your child: <http://zoom.us/terms> and <http://zoom.us/privacy>.

In order to participate in Learning with Girls Inc. at H. O. M. E., you will need the following:

- A computer, mobile phone, or tablet device with access to reliable internet
- A distraction-free and well-lit room or area of your home
- We recommend noise canceling headphones

Though this year has been challenging, Girls Inc. Is here to support you and will continue to serve as a safe haven for girls. We will get through this together and come out stronger, smarter, and bolder!

Please complete the application at the end of this catalog to register your child for Learning with Girls Inc. At H.O.M.E. an expansion of Girls Inc. Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey's program initiatives. If you have any questions, please contact Cherice Arrington at CArrington@girlsincpa-nj.org.

Sincerely,

Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey Program Team



of Greater Philadelphia
& Southern New Jersey

Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey
Out-of-School Time Programs
Parent/Guardian Permission Form
2020-2021 New Participant Application

PARTICIPANT APPLICANT INFORMATION:

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Birthdate: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Age: _____

New or Returning Participant: _____ Current Grade: _____

School: _____ City: _____ State: _____

T-shirt size: ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ X-Large ☐ XX-Large

Does the girl have any special interests or hobbies? _____

What is her career/post-secondary interests? _____

MEDICAL & BEHAVIORAL INFORMATION:

Does the child have any allergies, diagnoses, or any other health conditions? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list all allergies, medications, diagnoses or conditions that may impact participation in a Girls Inc. activity: _____

Please include any way these conditions or behaviors can be accommodated. Please describe behaviors we should expect to see, or behavior modifications used at home or school. This will help us work with you as team to help your child succeed. Additional sheets can be attached or discuss with us. _____

DEMOGRAPHICS (PLEASE MARK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY):

Race:

- ☐ American Indian/Native American
- ☐ Black/African American
- ☐ Hispanic/Latino
- ☐ White/European Descent
- ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
- ☐ Multiracial _____
- ☐ Other _____

My child lives with:

- ☐ Both Parents
- ☐ Mother Only
- ☐ Father Only
- ☐ Foster Parent
- ☐ One Parent at a time
(Joint Custody)
- ☐ Other _____

Income:

- ☐ Less than \$10,000
- ☐ \$10,001-\$20,000
- ☐ \$20,001-\$30,000
- ☐ \$30,001 - \$50,000
- ☐ Greater than \$50,000

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Primary Parent/Guardian Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

I am her (mother, father, grandparent, etc.): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____ County: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Level of Education: ☐ Less than high school ☐ High School Diploma/GED ☐ Some College
☐ Associates/Occupational Certificate ☐ Bachelors ☐ Masters ☐ Doctoral Degree
☐ Professional Degree (e.g., MD or JD)

Secondary Parent/ Guardian (☐ Check box if address is the same)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

I am her (mother, father, grandparent, etc.): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Level of Education: ☐ Less than high school ☐ High School Diploma/GED ☐ Some College
☐ Associates/Occupational Certificate ☐ Bachelors ☐ Masters ☐ Doctoral Degree
☐ Professional Degree (e.g., MD or JD)

of Household Members: _____ School Lunch Eligibility: Free ☐ Reduced ☐ Full Price ☐ Brings Own Lunch ☐

Main Language Spoken At Home: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT:

Please initial each of the following to give consent:

_____ I give informed consent and permission for my child to participate in Girls Inc. related activities. The information documented in this application is true and up to date.

_____ I understand that participation in Girls Inc. Saturday OST programs is voluntarily. A Girls Inc. participant is encouraged to remain in the program for the duration of the program year, and the goal is to obtain 35+ program hours.

_____ I understand that my child may have (3) excused absences during the program year. Missing more than the required number of sessions without a formal excuse can result in dismissal from the program. I will notify Girls Inc. Staff 1 day in-advance if my child cannot attend a session.

_____ I agree to follow policy and procedures listed in Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey's Parent Handbook. I understand that an infraction may result in suspension from the program.

_____ I would like to receive Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey's online newsletter. I understand that I will receive updates on upcoming programming and events periodically. I understand that I can opt out of this service at any time.

_____ **Media Release:** I give permission for Girls Inc., program partners (corporate and academic), and funders to use the first name and photos of the girl listed to showcase their involvement in Girls Inc. programs. Photos and/or video recordings can be posted on Girls Inc. and program partners' websites, newsletters, articles, social media platforms, or other promotional literature.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS:

Girls Inc. wants to ensure that our girls have access to virtual programs! Please complete the following questions as they relate to your child's access to technology to complete virtual programs.

What devices does your child have access to use while participating in a virtual session? (phone, tablet, computer, etc.)

Do you have access to reliable internet?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey Waiver and Release of Liability

1. By signing this Waiver and Release of Liability (Agreement), I waive and release Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern NJ, its agents, servants, employees, insurers, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages or suits at law and equity of any kind, including but not limited to claims for personal injury, accidents, illness, property damage, medical expenses, loss of services, on account of or in any way related to or growing out of my presence or involvement at the facility. I give consent for my daughter to receive medical treatment including hospitalization, if necessary and understand payment will be my responsibility.
2. This waiver and release is intended to and does release Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern NJ from any and all liability for damages or injuries on account of or in any way related to or growing out of my negligence, the negligence of third parties and Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern NJ's negligence. This is not intended to release Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern NJ from any liability resulting from their intentional conduct.
3. I further covenant and agree not to institute any claims or legal action against Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern NJ for any claim released by this Agreement. I further agree that should any claim be made against Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern NJ in contravention of this Agreement, including but not limited to derivative claims, I will protect, defend and completely indemnify (reimburse) Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern NJ for any such claim and expenses including attorney's fees and costs incurred by Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern NJ in defending themselves or security indemnity hereunder.
4. I understand that Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern NJ is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged valuables or property.
5. I fully understand that all persons participating in Girls Inc. programs/activities are to abide by all rules and regulations governing conduct the activity. Any violation of these rules may result in the individual being removed from the activity at the expense of the parent/guardian.
6. I have read the Agreement and understand that by signing the Agreement I have consented to be bound by its terms, including the waiver/release of any legal right I may have to sue Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern NJ for any costs they incur because a claim or legal action is brought in violation of this Agreement. I fully understood, and I acknowledge this by voluntarily signing this form.

Parent/Guardian Printed

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

To submit your application, click the button below associated with your child's age: