



Writer's Block InK

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***Purpose:** To empower youth to advance key skills through all aspects of theater enhancing their lives, communities and world.*

Mission:** Reinforce teamwork, accountability, and responsibility to **ignite social change on the page and stage.

Fall Program Information

Talented Youth Ages 10-17

September 13th - November 19th;

Dance: Mondays 5-7pm

Write/Act/Sing: Wednesdays 6-7:30pm

Location: Writer's Block, 446 Colman Street, London CT

(entrance in back of Rapid Carwash)

Cost: \$10 per class / \$100 per course

Scholarships & Discounts Available. No one will be turned away for inability to pay.



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Fall Program Registration Form

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Age (10-17): _____ **Date of Birth (Month/ Day/Year)** _____ **Gender:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

E-mail (if applicable): _____ **School:** _____

Mother/ Father/ Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____

Allergies/Medications: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relation: _____ **Phone:** _____

Does student have parent's permission to leave the Writers Block on his/her own?
(Students must be 12 years old and over to sign themselves out.)

Yes____ **No** ____

I/my child, _____ hereby consent(s) that the Writers Block InK reserves copyright of all written, musical and artistic material as a source of intellectual and potentially commercial capital that can be used to spawn other Blocks, be a source of revenue, provide other learning institutions substrate for their own theatrical or other programs, and provide the Block participants with the opportunity to cite to future schools and/or employers their professional contribution(s) to Writers Block InK productions.

I hereby warrant that I have every right to contract in my own name in the above regard. I state further that I have read the above authorization and release, and that I am fully familiar with the contents thereof.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If at any time medical treatment is necessary for my child, I give consent for treatment to be given. I understand every effort will be made to contact parent/guardian prior to emergency treatment. I agree to deliver my child to the instructor no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of the workshop and to pick up my child no later than 15 minutes after the workshop ends. I understand that Writers Block InK and its staff do not assume responsibility for transportation.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Fundraising is a required part of all Writers Block Program in order to keep our registration fees low.

We reserve the right to remove any child from the program for bad behavior.

No refunds.

Payment

☐ Registration Fee \$100.00 per child or \$10 per class per child.

☐ Scholarship/ Family Discount requested in amount of _____

Payment Amount Enclosed: _____ Check No: _____ Date: _____

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The Block Code of Conduct

1. **RESPECT:** Respect yourself, fellow Block members, families, audiences, Block leaders, teachers and community.
2. **RESPONSIBILITY:** Take responsibility for your actions; your role in Block performances; complete your writing/acting/dancing/singing/rapping on time; return all fundraising monies, costumes, and props to the Block; compensate for any damages you cause to property and/or performance space of/or entrusted to the Block.
3. **REWARD:** One of the final rewards for adherence to respect and responsibility includes participating in Block programs and performances on stages throughout the community.
4. **REMOVAL:** Violation of the Block Code may result in student's/participants removal from all Block Programming. The Block Director reserves the right to remove any Block Code violators from all or portions of Block performances at her discretion.

I/my child, _____ hereby consent(s) to the above Writer's Block Code of Conduct required to participate in the Writer's Block Ink programs, workshops and performances.

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Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature (for student's Under 18 years): _____

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PHOTOGRAPH, TELEVISION, VIDEOTAPE, MOVIE AND/OR SOUND RECORDING

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

I/ My Child, _____ hereby consent that The Writer's Block InK and Writer's Block Photographer Serinol Lowman shall have the right to copyright, publish or use any photographs, videotapes and/or sound recordings, or any part thereof, they have taken or made of me/my child in which I/my child may be included, for publicity, advertising or any other lawful purpose in conjunction with my/their own or a fictitious (stage) name, or in reproductions thereof in color or otherwise.

I hereby waive all claims for any compensation for such use or for damages.

I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect and/or approve the finished product or the use to which it may be applied.

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Background

The Writer's Block Ink was started in 2003 to encourage youth to use writing and performance as tools to address personal and social challenges on the community stage. Students from The Block (ages 10-19) create original performances with a strong emphasis on spoken word poetry and perform on stages across Southeastern Connecticut. Taking their pens and feet from their heads and hearts to the streets, members of the Block produce powerful lyrics and choreography that provide insight and perspective into the challenges and choices they encounter each day. Final Writer's Block productions are written, choreographed, run, advertised and performed by students. Writer's Block workshops, performance programs, open mics and poetry slams are available to schools and community organizations. Courses are structured to guide students to improve writing skills, build self-confidence, leadership and teamwork. The students conceive an idea, develop a plot, evaluate character conflict, cast themselves, write a final script, market, and ultimately perform their work for the community.

Situation Analysis

The opportunities for teens to participate in activities which build self-esteem while providing a constructive environment emphasizing academic support, teamwork and socialization opportunities through theater are limited. The Block intends to fill that void. We provide opportunities for teens to conceive, write, perform, direct, and produce original plays. The Block teaches and practices all aspects of theater. Specifically team work, writing skills, performance techniques, dance, set design, marketing, contracts, copyrights, advertising, budget management, fund raising, and personal and community commitment.

Demographics

Our roots are in the students, many of whom are first-generation college bound minorities. Our program is open to everyone, we find talent comes from all groups and we intend to continue to diversify our talent pool. Objectives:

1. Sustain a safe, nurturing, and productive environment for youth to use writing and performance techniques to address social challenges.
2. Build and strengthen self-confidence, leadership, interpersonal, and professional communication and performance skills.
3. Supplement academic curriculum by reinforcing English, Business, and Social skills.
4. Create performance opportunities to engage youth with their communities.
5. Involve the local community by networking with local schools, businesses and arts institutions.
6. Help students learn to market their writing and performance skills to achieve personal goals and become successful leaders and citizens.

