



# Work for Girls' LEAP & mentor girls this summer!

*“The most rewarding experience of working with Girls' LEAP is leaving the impact on girls that is everlasting. Being able to impact their life and help them is helping me because together, we're changing the world.”*

*Porcha, 17, Former Teen Mentor*

Girls' LEAP is hiring Teen Mentors ('TM') to work with us this summer. These **\$8.00/hour, 18-22 hours per week** positions combine teaching, meetings, workshops and creating your own Digital Story.

## What is Girls' LEAP Self-Defense?

Girls' LEAP (Lifetime Empowerment & Awareness Program) is a safety and self-defense skills program that combines physical self-defense with conflict resolution, healthy relationships and saying no. Our self-defense programs are for Boston girls ages 8-18 and are taught by teams of high school, college and adult women.



*Helen demonstrates the Side Kick!*

## Who can apply?

Girls ages **14-18** may apply for the Summer TM position. This includes girls who have participated in a Girls' LEAP program and girls who are eager to get involved with Girls' LEAP, but haven't done a program yet. We especially encourage those of you



interested in empowerment, leadership, or self-defense to apply!

**At this time, we are only able to consider applications from Boston residents and students who have not yet graduated from high school.**

## What will the summer look like?

Start date: Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

End date: Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

\*Some wrap up (1-5 hours) will be required the week of 8/17-8/21.

### It includes:

- Summer orientation and training
- Assistant teaching in Girls' LEAP self-defense programs
- Working in small teams led by Girls' LEAP college-aged Team Leaders
- Weekly meetings
- Developing, creating and presenting a **Digital Story (see below for description)**
- End-of program celebration days
- Group outings and having fun!

### What are Digital Stories?

Digital stories are based on the idea that every person is an expert at telling their own story. By combining text and voice-overs with pictures, music and video, people can share their story with their communities. Summer TMs will participate in creative writing workshops and work with their Team Leaders to produce their own Girls' LEAP digital story. These stories revolve around issues like courage, dealing with conflict, saying no, asking for help and meaningful relationships, etc.

Check out Girls' LEAP YouTube channel for some examples of Digital stories:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/GirlsLEAPster>

### How do I apply?

**The deadline for applications is Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

Fill out the attached application and return it to:

**Kaitie Chakoian, Program Director**

[Kaitie@girlsleap.org](mailto:Kaitie@girlsleap.org)

Girls' LEAP Self-Defense, 197A Centre Street, Dorchester, MA 02124

Training slots will be filled with qualified candidates on a **rolling-admissions basis**.

A **rolling-admission** process means that the slots for the TMSP training will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis—this does **not** mean that acceptance is guaranteed, however. Through the end of March, we'll accept applications until all training slots have been filled with qualified applicants. This means that the earlier you apply the better chance you have at getting accepted! **You will hear from us within 2 weeks of receiving your application regarding next steps in the application process.**

If you have any questions or comments about the application, the application process or the summer schedule please feel free to contact me. I look forward to receiving your application!

Sincerely,



Kaitie Chakoian, Program Director



# TMSP Application for Employment: Summer 2015

Please fill out application neatly, in black or blue ink. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Direct all questions or comments to Kaitie Chakoian, Program Director: 617-909-3025, [Kaitie@girlsleap.org](mailto:Kaitie@girlsleap.org)

## Personal Information

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. #: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Current age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
School (as of fall '12): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (as of fall '12): \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you hear about Girls' LEAP's TMSP? \_\_\_\_\_

## Primary Parent/Guardian Information

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Do they speak English: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
If no, please specify language(s) spoken: \_\_\_\_\_  
If mailing address is same, please check here: \_\_\_\_\_ If different, please specify below:  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Personal cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Getting to Know You

**Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Typed responses are encouraged but not required.**

Teen Mentors help teach self-defense to girls in Girls' LEAP programs, serving as positive peer leaders to the participants.

- 1.) Why do you want to be a Teen Mentor with Girls' LEAP?
- 2.) What skills do you think are important in order to be a positive role model for other girls?

Please provide **real life examples** of how you are a positive peer leader.

- 3.) Besides learning self-defense, what do you hope to get out of this summer?

## Application Requirements

Strong applicants will be invited to participate in a training covering skills learned in Girls' LEAP programs. In order to be considered for the Teen Mentor Summer Program, you must be able to attend the following training dates below. **Please note that invitation to attend training is not guarantee of a job; rather it is the next step in the application process.**

By initialing below, please confirm that you are available to attend ALL the following three (3) training dates and times (location to be determined). If you are under 18, please also have your parent/guardian initial below:

- Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:30pm
- Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-4:00pm
- Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-6:00pm

\_\_\_\_\_ **Applicant**

I am available to attend ALL the above three (3) Teen Mentor training dates. I understand that attendance at this training is required to be considered for the Teen Mentor Summer Program.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Parent/guardian**

I assert that my daughter is available to attend ALL the above three (3) Teen Mentor training dates. I understand that attendance at this training is required for her to be considered for the Teen Mentor Summer Program.

Please describe any additional jobs you will be working, or summer school classes you will be taking this summer, if any, including days of the week and hours you will be unavailable:

**Unfortunately, we cannot consider applicants who will be out of town for more than 3 days over the course of the summer. Please list any dates you will be out of town, if any:**

References

**Please list two references who have known you for at least six months and who can speak to your character, judgment, responsibility, etc. References should not be a family member or relative.**

Examples of appropriate references include teachers, current or former employers, a Girls' LEAP Teacher you've worked with, coaches, people you babysit for, etc. References should be 18 years or older.

**First Reference**

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Known since (month, year): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact? Phone Email Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Second Reference**

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Known since (month, year): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact? Phone Email Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgement

By signing below, I certify that information contained in this application is true and complete.

Applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are under 18, please have your parent/guardian sign below to indicate they approve you applying for the Girls' LEAP Summer Teen Mentor position:

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_