NEW URBAN ARTS
2019 College Exploration Program
Application due June 12, 2019

The College Exploration program at New Urban Arts is an opportunity for rising seniors, who are active participants of New Urban Arts, to begin the college application process in community with other artists and creative thinkers. Under the guidance of Mara O’Day, the A Life After School Coordinator, students will build college lists, start the Common Application, and begin forming college essays, all while developing their personal story in a variety of visual media. The program will also consist of visits to college campuses and art museums in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, and students will have the chance to hear from New Urban Arts Alumni who are currently or about to enroll in college.

To qualify for the College Exploration program at New Urban Arts, students must be entering their senior year of high school and be enrolled as a student at New Urban Arts. Students must be able to participate fully and commit to attending the program over the summer of 2019. Any necessary absence must be communicated in advance of the program start date to the A Life After School Coordinator, Mara O’Day, at (401) 751 - 4556.

Name: ______________________________ Phone: __________________ (cell / home?)

Email: _____________________________ High School: ____________________________

High School Information:

Guidance Counselor Name ___________________ Counselor’s Email: ______________________

GPA: __________

What classes do you plan to take senior year? Please note if it is a college prep, honors, AP, ESL, etc

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Have you taken the PSAT, SAT, or ACT? If so, write your score in the spaces below:

☐ PSAT: Critical Reading: _____ Math: _____ Writing: ______

☐ SAT: Critical Reading: _____ Math: _____ Writing: ______

☐ ACT: Composite: _____ ELA: _____ STEM: ______

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College Information:

Are you working with any other college support? (This won’t count against your application, it’s just good to know.)

☐ College Visions  ☐ College Crusade  ☐ High School Counselor / Teacher
☐ Parent / Family Member  ☐ Other: _____________________________________________

What Colleges are you currently considering?

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List up to 3 majors you are interested in studying:

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List up to 3 things that are important to you in selecting a college:

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About yourself:

Describe what you are looking for from this program.

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What career/job do you imagine being in after college?

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Describe the other things you will be doing this summer, including vacations, summer school, internships, etc.

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What are the dates and times of these commitments?
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Do you participate in any of these community-based organizations?

☐ Youth in Action  ☐ Community Music Works  ☐ BRYTE  ☐ Providence Student Union
☐ Foster Forward  ☐ Young Voices  ☐ PrYSM  ☐ Girls Rock RI  ☐ YPI  ☐ CityArts
☐ RISD Project Open Door  ☐ DownCity Design  ☐ Manton Avenue Project  ☐ Everett  ☐ NAACP
☐ Religious Organizations / Communities: ____________________________________________________
☐ Other: ________________________________________________________________________________
Student / Family Contract:

Participating in New Urban Arts’ College Exploration Program is a great opportunity, but it’s also a big commitment. It’s not just about helping you get into college, but helping you get through it in order to receive your degree. While this program will start in the summer, it will continue throughout the year, and we want to keep in touch with you once you are in college. By participating in this program, you will have access to New Urban Arts A Life After School (ALAS) program throughout your college years. Therefore, you must be invested in this program for the long run, and your family also needs to participate in the process. To ensure that all participants take full advantage of this opportunity and put themselves in the best position possible to achieve their post-secondary goals, applicants and their families must agree to the following expectations:

**Students**

I will:

- Arrive on time for every College Exploration group and 1-on-1 meeting unless I have already received permission to miss the session.
- Respond to the ALAS Coordinator’s phone calls and emails.
- Be respectful of all members of the New Urban Arts Community.
- Spend at least one hour each week doing independent college work.
- Apply to at least one Rhode Island state school (CCRI, RIC or URI)
- Submit all my complete college applications and essays to the ALAS Coordinator for proofreading before I send them.
- Share my college’s financial and academic information with the ALAS Coordinator.
- Be willing to share my experience applying and attending college with high school students at New Urban Arts.

New Urban Arts would like to keep in touch with you when you start college. This will help us understand the success of the ALAS program and how to improve it in the future. Does New Urban Arts’ A Life After School (ALAS) program have permission to stay in touch with you after you start college?

☐ Yes, I would like to stay in touch with New Urban Arts and the ALAS Program once I’m in college.

Signature: ________________________________ Date: ______________________________

**Parent / Guardian**

I will:

- Support my child through the college and financial aid application process in whatever ways I can.
- Allow my child to go on supervised college visit trips with the ALAS Program.
- Take part in a group college planning workshop and a financial aid workshop for families.
- Help my child fill out financial aid forms and provide copies of my W-2, 1040, and other necessary forms.
- To the best of my ability, financially and morally support my child throughout their college years to ensure they graduate with a degree.

The best phone number to reach me at is: ____________________________________________

The best time of day to reach me is: ____________________________________________

Print Name: ________________________________ Signature: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________