

POSITIVELY EMPOWERING TEEN GIRLS ABOUT LIFE - P.E.T.A.L.

*Leadership Circle*  
2008-2009

- ★ **Building Leaders**
- ★ **Critical Thinkers**
- ★ **Social Ambassadors**



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P.E.T.A.L. IS..

**Positively Empowering TeenGirls About Life - P.E.T.A.L.** is a not-for-profit empowerment organization for girls and young women aged 10-19. P.E.T.A.L. inspires and empowers girls and young women with self-esteem, healthy behaviors, life-skills and tools that will assist them to bloom to their full potential and become leaders of tomorrow through social consciousness, leadership and critical thinking.

**Positively Empowering TeenGirls About Life - P.E.T.A.L** fosters and supports the growth of TeenGirls through our enriching programs, empowering conferences and educational forums.

**Positively Empowering TeenGirls About Life - P.E.T.A.L.** is not just an organization it is a MOVEMENT dedicated to the empowerment of TeenGirls!



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P.E.T.A.L WILL..

## Build Leaders

With so many influences in the world today, it is important that TeenGirls know the importance of positive choices so that they can lead as opposed to follow. Our leadership & development workshops are designed to help TeenGirls make positive choices in life.

## Instill Critical Thinking

P.E.T.A.L. will teach TeenGirls to assess situations and help them gain stronger critical thinking skills. These skills will be honed by utilizing verbal/written expressions, personal reflections and observations, cumulative experience and deductive reasoning skills.

## Develop Social Ambassadors

P.E.T.A.L. will provide TeenGirls the opportunity to develop socially conscious projects for their communities. P.E.T.A.L. TeenGirls will become Social Ambassadors and not only gain awareness but will also take active roles in spreading awareness to others.



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The **Positively Empowering TeenGirls About Life - P.E.T.A.L. Leadership Circle** for 2008-2009 will be comprised of 8-10 sophomore and junior high school girls residing in the NY/NJ/CT Tri-State\* area.

**Positively Empowering TeenGirls About Life - P.E.T.A.L. Leadership Circle** will meet once a month (Saturday or Sunday) from March – June 2008 as well as from October 2008 through June 2009 and participate in development and leadership workshops. They will also work collectively to develop a national campaign on an agenda of their choice that affects girls and young women.

The organization will work with the **P.E.T.A.L. Leadership Circle** to promote their message in the community, at major events and to educate their peers.

The girls chosen for the 2008 - 2009 **P.E.T.A.L. Leadership Circle** will play an active role in developing and hosting P.E.T.A.L. events and conferences.

\* 2009-2010 expansion plans in place for Leadership Circle in other States.

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**OFFICIAL LEADERSHIP CIRCLE APPLICATION 2008-2009**

Please print or type your answers on this official Positively Empowering TeenGirls About Life – P.E.T.A.L. Leadership Circle application. All requested documents on the checklist must be attached to this official application and returned by mail or courier service. No faxed or e-mail applications will be accepted. All requested material must be received by **P.E.T.A.L.** no later than **5:00pm** on **Monday May 26, 2008**.

**APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Applicants must be United States Citizens and reside in the NY/NJ/CT Tri-state area.	2. Applicants must have participated in one of the 2007 P.E.T.A.L. events and or programs.	3. Candidates for 2008-2009 must be high school *freshman/sophomores and juniors.
4. Applicants must be enrolled in high school full-time.	5. Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (C+) on a 4.0 system.	6. Applicants will be judged on the following criteria: academic achievement, evidence of leadership and/or community service.

*\*Freshman applicants will be considered.*

**PART I: PERSONAL DATA**

Name:		
Age:		D.O.B.:
Permanent Address Street:		Apartment #:
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home Telephone:	Mobile:	E-mail:
Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s):		
Address (if other) Street:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home Telephone:	Mobile:	E-mail:

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**PART II: EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

Name of High School:

City:

State:

Public/Private:

GPA:

Class Rank (if applicable):

**PART III: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Extra Curricular Activities:

Community Service:

Leadership:

Honors and Awards:

**PART IV: P.E.T.A.L. PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

Describe your participation at any of the P.E.T.A.L. programs and/or events (Call to Action Conference, What Our Girls Need to Know Empowerment Forums, P.E.T.A.L. Workshops).

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**PART V: PERSONAL ESSAY** (Please include all questions in you essay; 500 word minimum)

1. Please tell us about yourself. Describe your personal achievements and accomplishments.
2. What is your definition of leadership?
3. Do you wish to attend college? Why? What field do you wish to major in?
4. What are your interests, involvement in school or your community? How have you participated in community service?

**PART VI: CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION RELEASE**

I hereby certify that all of the information in this application is accurate and true. I am aware that any misrepresentation will result in the disqualification of my application. I give Positively Empowering TeenGirls About Life – P.E.T.A.L.™ permission to publicize my acceptance and likeness if I am accepted into the Leadership Circle.

Signature of Applicant

Date

I hereby certify that I have read this application and that the minor applicant has my permission to apply for the Leadership Circle. I understand that my child's likeness may be publicized if she is chosen for this program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian (Students under 18)

Date

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### PART VII: CHECKLIST

In one envelope, please include one copy of each of the following materials in the order listed:

- ✓ Completed Application Form
- ✓ Personal Essay
- ✓ Copy of Official Transcript (most recent)
- ✓ Two Letters of Reference (Academic, Community or Personal)
- ✓ Recent Photo

**MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:**  
**Positively Empowering TeenGirls About Life**  
P.O. BOX 5028  
PLAINFIELD, NJ 07061

**IMPORTANT:** Applications missing any of these materials will not be considered. Letters of Recommendation that arrive separately will not be accepted.

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