

**THE LIBERATION PROGRAM**  
**DEADLINE: MAY 8, 2009**  
**ELIGIBILITY: Youth Ages 14-18, grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Liberation Program Mission Statement**

Our goal is to develop a cadre of revolutionary youth who will battle against all forms of oppression.

As youth, we must work collectively to rise above the destructive negativity in society and free our communities. We refuse to find bliss in ignorance- we will continually educate ourselves and struggle against injustice until we are no longer victims of oppression, but threats to its continued existence. Following this path of knowledge and determination, we shall achieve the essence of true revolutionaries and reach our ultimate destination – Liberation!

**Summer Liberation School**

The Summer Liberation School (SLS) is a 4-week training that takes place this August in preparation for year-long organizing and campaign work. During the training we focus on developing members' awareness of social problems and their affects on individuals and communities, we also study liberation organizations and movements. Throughout the training, members participate in visits to local organizations actively involved in grassroots community organizing. Members also regularly share their ideas towards broadening their understanding of self, community, power, oppression and liberation.

***Please print legibly or type this application.***

NAME	
GRADE & AGE	
BIRTHDATE	
ADDRESS	Street:
	Apt#:
	City/State:
	Zip Code:
SCHOOL	
HOME PHONE	
CELL/OTHER #	
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**Why are you interested in the Liberation Program?**

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**What skills can you bring to the Liberation Program?**

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**List the issues you feel are important for your community to address.**

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Please list any experiences you have serving the community.

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Briefly describe yourself in two to three sentences.

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What are your goals for the future?

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Do you agree or disagree with any of the Liberation Program platform, why or why not?  
(Platform attached.)

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**\*ESSAY QUESTION: IN 1-2 PAGES, DISCUSS ONE ISSUE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND THE STEPS YOU WOULD USE TO ACHIEVE THAT CHANGE.**

**Please mail, fax, or deliver this application to:**

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c/o The Brotherhood/Sister Sol  
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NY, NY 10031  
Fax: 212.283.3700

Email: [aya@brotherhood-sistersol.org](mailto:aya@brotherhood-sistersol.org)

If you have any questions, please call 212.283.7044 before the deadline and ask for a member of the Liberation Program Collective. For more information about *The Brotherhood/Sister Sol*, visit [www.brotherhood-sistersol.org](http://www.brotherhood-sistersol.org).

**The Brotherhood/Sister Sol** offers a safe space full of resources and love for 250 Black and Latina/o youth to speak their minds, acquire knowledge and skills, explore their identity and beliefs, and receive support to make their dreams reality. Our programs and activities - mentoring, leadership development, international study, academic tutoring, internships, community service, job training, writers collective, youth organizing - provide these young people with the know ledge and skills necessary to understand and overcome the negative pressures of poverty, racism, drugs, and violence.