

The Islamic Cultural Preservation and Information Council / New Africa Center (ICPIC-NAC)

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Job Title: New Freedom District Ambassador

Status: Part-time, 20 hours per week

Supervisor: Youth Programs Manager

Salary: \$15/hour

Application Deadline: Aug. 31, 2022

ICPIC-NAC seeks to hire four energetic and responsible youth to serve as New Freedom District Ambassadors who will be employed to support the ICPIC-New Africa Center's Youth Programs Manager in implementing the following programs:

Cultural Awareness and Education (CASE) - CASE seeks to provide and empower participating youth with a strong sense of personal self-worth, confidence, discipline, citizenship and career skills. Afterschool and Saturday activities include the painting of community murals, computer literacy, cultural awareness education, swimming, arts and crafts and academic enrichment plus Saturday field trips to museums and other venues. Friday Open mic jam sessions and community events will provide opportunities for youth to showcase their talents and will engage an even broader pool of youth.

Youth Adventure Summer Camp for up to 40 children in two 4-week sessions during July and August. Each session of up to 20 children will meet daily from 9am to 4pm and engage participants in arts & crafts, cultural awareness activities, computer and financial literacy education, and field trips to museums, roller skating, bowling and other educational and recreational activities.

Responsibilities/Expectations

- Assist the Youth Program Manager with program planning for children and youth including advising about the needs and interests of their neighborhood peers to ensure that programming addresses those needs and interests.
- Support trip facilitation for younger participants
- Outreach to peers through the design of marketing materials and promotion via organizational and personal social media networks.
- Serve as a role model to all students by always displaying respect and professionalism.

Qualifications

- at least 16 years of age by time of application
- enjoy working with children
- possess the leadership skills necessary to manage groups of students while providing a fun, safe and supportive environment.
- demonstrate effective communication skills, as well as the ability to maintain a positive and professional attitude.
- flexible and willing to take on a variety of roles to support students.
- Availability to work evenings and weekends.
- Preference given to candidates residing in the Belmont neighborhood.

Submit resume via email to Abdul-Rahim Muhammad, Executive Director: ICPIC@RCN.COM

ICPIC-NAC is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against applicants or employees on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or identity, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation or belief, or veteran status.

ICPIC-NAC Organizational Background and Programs

The Islamic Cultural Preservation and Information Council /New Africa Center (ICPIC-NAC) is a progressive African American Islamic cultural organization with a mission to preserve, protect and elevate our cultural heritage of Islam in America. Our coalition of university scholars, educators, multi-disciplinary artist, parents and individuals is not a proselytizing organization; our purpose is to provide public forums for the academic study & artistic expression of traditional & contemporary Islamic arts, culture, history, literature & beliefs.

Since its founding in 1991, the overarching goal of the Islamic Cultural Preservation and Information Council has been to create a more accepting and tolerant atmosphere regarding intercultural relations. We work to preserve our African American Muslim rich cultural heritage and legacy to pass on to future generations and to foster intergroup awareness, respect, tolerance, and multicultural understanding. We established the nation's first New Africa Center/Muslim American Museum & Archive in 2005, which preserves, documents, and interprets the African American Muslim history and experience. We are dedicated to the community development and revitalization of our urban neighborhoods by collaborating with numerous community partners including other cultural, educational, and social-economic institutions, organizations, government agencies and community groups.

The New Africa Center/Muslim American Museum & Archive provides educational and cultural programs by way of public forums, workshops, classroom presentations, youth and senior citizen programs, festivals, exhibitions, literature, and multimedia outlets.

The Lancaster Ave New Freedom District Initiative – An effort to use arts & culture, history and neighborhood identity as an economic engine to rebuild our community. The New Freedom District goes from 32nd to 48th Streets West on Lancaster Avenue and the surrounding area in West Philadelphia and includes several Historic Sites.

- **Lancaster Ave Historic New Freedom District Tours** - Tours highlighting African American institutions, organizations, events, and individual achievements. They highlight African Americans' first migration to the area during the Underground Railroad, the Great Migration, and the Civil Rights Movement as well as historical events that highlight their quest for self-determination, justice, and equality.
- **Community Family Days at our New Africa Freedom Square** - Provided in collaboration with community partners and groups on the urban green space across from the New Africa Center these fun-filled days offer games for children, entertainment, local history tours, a health fair, resource information tables and free food for everyone.

Annual Islamic Heritage Festival & City-wide Community Parade - one of the city's largest multi-ethnic festivals and the largest Islamic Festival in the country. The festival includes entertainment and fun for the whole family with activities including a health fair, speakers, a fashion show, exhibits, games for children and a bazaar.

Community Feeding at the New Africa Center. In partnership with Caring for Friends and the Peoples Emergency Center we serve hot nutritious meals and provide bags of groceries with fresh fruits & vegetables, can and dry goods, bread, milk, and meat for a balanced diet.