

Main South Youth Corps

Leadership ~ Neighborhood Stewardship ~ Job Readiness



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The Main South Youth Corps is a 27-week program that focuses on job readiness, leadership development, and neighborhood stewardship. This program is for 14-16 years old youth who live in a specific geographical area in Main South (please see map at the end of application for details). The Main South Youth Corps provides our youth with opportunities for resume building, skill-based trainings (i.e. First Aid, Gardening, Marketing, and many more), job and college readiness, time and money management, while receiving a bi-weekly paycheck (\$11/hour per Massachusetts minimum wages requirements) for their participation and involvement in program sessions and projects.

We envision the MS Youth Corps program as an opportunity for our young people to take an active role in our community through projects that will be focused on improving our neighborhood. Additionally, our MS Youth Corps participants will grow meaningful relationships with adult mentors and leaders of our community, while learning valuable life and career skills.

Participation Criteria:

- ✓ Reside in targeted area (*please see map on page 7 for details*)
- ✓ Ages 14-16
- ✓ Submit completed application by posted deadline (7/29/16)
- ✓ Have a successful face-to-face interview
- ✓ Attend and actively participate in all Saturday sessions and August Orientation Week

In MS Youth Corps, you will...

- Lead one of the community service learning projects
- Develop job readiness and leadership skills
- Discover careers of your interest
- Gain money management skills
- Be connected to other employment opportunities
- ... and make a difference in your community!

For more information or to get involved in the Main South Youth Corp Program, please email or call Kathy A. Esparza at kesparza@mainsouthcdc.org or 508-752-6181 ext.28. Learn more about the Main South Youth Corp Program at <http://www.mainsouthcdc.org/>

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Program Requirements:

- Attendance is required at 100% of all sessions and field instruction.
- Commitment of 12 hours per month
- Every effort will be made to avoid conflicts with other school functions.
- Excused absences from the program may be allowed under certain pre-arranged circumstances.
- Participation in group community service learning projects.
- Participation in the personal application interviews (summer 2016) and the MS Youth Corps Orientation (summer 2016) are mandatory.

Instructions to fill out application:

- Applications must be completely filled out and postmarked by **July 29th**, 2016 ... The sooner you get in your application, the sooner an interview can be scheduled.
- There is no fee to apply or participate in the program
- Application must be filled out by the participants, except from parent/guardian permission.
- Have a personal interview with the selection committee.
- **Questions?** Call Kathy Esparza at 508-752-6181 or email her at kesparza@mainsouthcdc.org

Section I – Personal Information:

Name: _____

Age: _____ Current Grade: _____ School: _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home phone: _____ Student cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Gender: _____ Preferred Pronouns: _____

Race/Ethnicity: _____

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Physical activities: Is there any reason that you would be unable to be involved in physical activities, either with or without accommodations? Yes ____ No ____

Please explain:

How did you hear about the Main South Youth Corps?

Parent or Guardian Information:

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home phone: _____ Alternate phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

In case of emergency, secondary adult contact:

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Home phone: _____ Alternate phone: _____

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Section II – Organizations & Activities/Responsibilities:

Please list up to five school, volunteer, religious, social, athletic, or other activities/organizations in which you've participated (include organization or activity, your grade in school at the time and a brief description of your role).

Work Experience: List any job experience, paid or volunteer, and briefly explain what it involved:

Do you currently have a job? Yes_____ No_____ If yes, how many hours/week? _____

Would your job interfere with the Main South Youth Corps Program? Yes_____ No_____

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Section III – Questions:

1. Please explain what you hope to gain by participating in the Main South Youth Corps:

2. List your long-term and short-term career goals:

3. List your 3 favorite things about the Main South neighborhood:

4. List 3 things that you are concerned about in the Main South neighborhood:

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Section IV– Commitment:

- Participants are expected to attend all MS Youth Corps Program sessions between August 2015 and May 2016.
- Meetings will be held on **Saturdays (with the exception of holidays & school vacations) at the Main South Community Development Corporation**, 875 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01610.
- Program will take place from **9am-1:00pm**. Participants are expected to arrive on time, and stay for the duration of the **entire** program day.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Permission:

I am the parent/guardian of _____ and I have read the information on the MS Youth Corps program and am willing to have my child participate. I agree to help my child meet the expectations of the program. I hereby release and hold harmless MS Youth Corps at the Main South CDC, its agents, members, employees or any individuals involved in the planning, organization or presentation of MS Youth Corps, for any accident, injury, illness or any damage whatsoever related to the above-mentioned student's attendance at or participating in any activity or session of MS Youth Corps.

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) Name (please print)

Signature(s) of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

If my child is accepted into MS Youth Corps, I give my permission for Youth Corps to take pictures/film my child during MS Youth Corps activities and use those pictures in MS Youth Corps publications.

Signature(s) of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

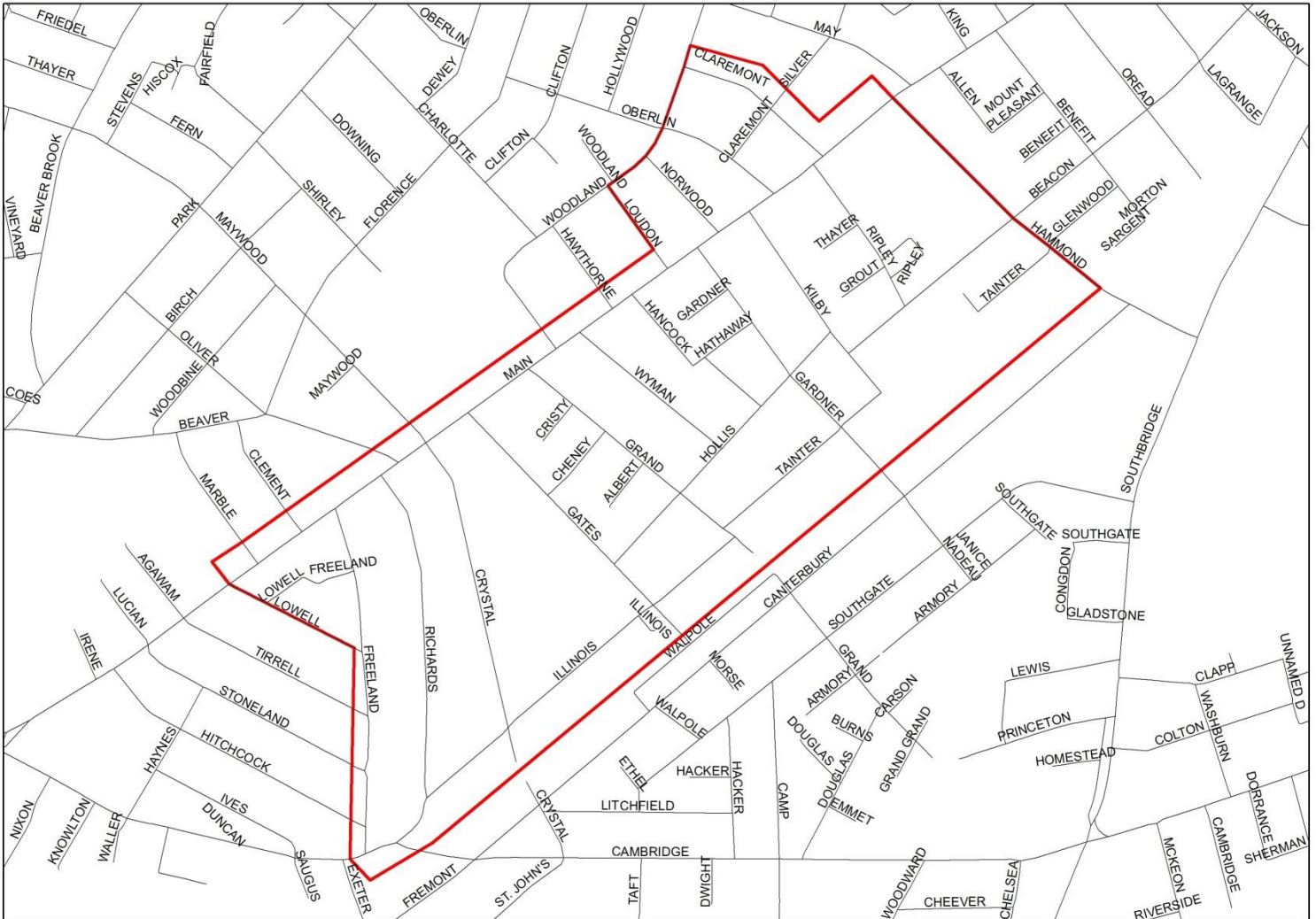
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Section V– Geographical Restrictions: Please note that you must live in the highlighted area



Applications are due Friday, July 29th, 2016. E-mail your application to kesparza@mainsouthcdc.org, fax it to (508) 797-4514 or mail it to:

Attn: Kathy Esparza, Program Coordinator
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