



PROFESSIONAL TELEVISION
YOUTH MEDIA PRODUCTIONS

2008 MEDIA FELLOWSHIP
APPLICATION

Dear Educators and Parents:

Since 1978, Downtown Community Television Center (DCTV) has been teaching youth to speak out about issues that matter most to them through our Professional Television Youth Media Production (PRO-TV) flagship *Media Fellowship* program. We are currently accepting applications for the program's **March '08–April '10** session.

The *Media Fellowship* program is a two-year scholarship program that cultivates young men and women into mature, articulate, and accomplished media artists. This program will enhance their learning skills and provide them with a direct avenue of employment and/or higher education. We reach our goals for PRO-TV through a rich curriculum featuring video production workshops, media literacy classes, domestic and international reporting assignments, community screenings, and film festivals.

Classes take place one weekday a week from 4:00–6:00 p.m. and one weekend a week from 10:00–5:00 p.m. Students who are accepted into the program receive a small stipend along with food and transportation money.

Past PRO-TV students have received full scholarships to New York University, Syracuse University and Susquehanna University, won two National Student Emmy Awards, and traveled to Guatemala, Laos, Mexico, and other locations, enriching their lives and altering their life views.

We are looking for students who are interested in learning video production skills and creating documentaries that reflect their daily lives. The program is highly competitive, selecting 8-12 students from the New York City area. **Applicants should be high school freshmen or sophomores**, who lack the opportunities to learn these professional skills but possess a drive to impact society and create a voice in mass media. We choose participants based on their highly diverse backgrounds and rich life experiences, not on academic accomplishments or video production experiences. Students need only have a desire to empower themselves through the use of media.

Applications must be received by February 28th, 2008. The completed application consists of the following student information form, a one-page autobiography, a one-page essay on “Challenges Facing Me and My Community,” a one-page fiction essay (poem or short story), and a copy of the student’s high school transcript. Past members of the program submitted essays that described their tough or unique backgrounds in an honest and compelling way. Applications may be sent by mail or delivered in person. After a review of all applications, selected students will be called in for an interview with PRO-TV staff and alumni.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions at (212) 966-4510 ext. 244 or e-mail: clarivel@dctvny.org.

Regards,

Clarivel Ruiz
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For more information on PRO-TV or to get involved, please contact:

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DCTV is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization.



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Deadline: February 28th, 2008

To apply, you must be:

- a freshman or sophomore in high school.
- able to attend PRO-TV classes, at DCTV, twice a week from March 2008 until June 2010.

Name _____ Social Security # _____

Home Address _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____ Sex: Male _____ Female _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Place of Birth _____

Current Address _____

School Name _____ Phone _____

School Address _____

Current Grade _____ Guidance Counselor Name _____

Guidance Counselor Phone Number _____

Please include the following with your application:

One-page autobiography

One-page essay on “Challenges Facing Me and My Community”

One-page fiction essay (poem or short story)

One copy of current high school transcript

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Applications may be sent by mail to the following address or delivered in person.

PRO-TV c/o DCTV | 87 Lafayette St. | New York, NY 10013