



C2C Teen Leadership Corps Application Information For New Applicants

Our Mission: Founded in 2002, Cradles to Crayons (C2C) is an innovative Boston-based nonprofit that equips children living in homeless or low income situations with the essentials they need to thrive. At the same time, sets a foundation for lasting change by providing meaningful, tangible volunteer opportunities to thousands of individuals and hundreds of organizations annually.

About Teen Leadership Corps: Founded in 2008, Cradles to Crayons' Teen Leadership Corps program engages hundreds of local middle and high school students each year in tangible service opportunities. As one of Massachusetts leading volunteer organizations, it is central to our mission to provide a venue for people of all ages to give back to their communities. For students, we do this by offering a unique leadership experience through the Teen Leadership Corps. As Cradles to Crayons looks to increase its capacity, the Teen Leadership Corps will be integral to assisting the organization in meeting its needs for volunteers and children's goods.

Program and Requirements: The Teen Leadership Corps is an opportunity for students to learn leadership skills through hands-on volunteer projects and workshops, and then put those skills into practice by engaging their communities in product collections and raising awareness about the work of C2C. Each session's specific requirements include:

- Attend **one** training session at the C2C Giving Factory – pizza will be provided for dinner
- Work two 2.5-hour shifts (total of 5 hours) at The Giving Factory in hands-on volunteer projects such as sorting clothes, inspecting toys, or filling orders
- Complete one product drive at your school, in your neighborhood, at your summer camp, community organization, or place-of-worship that yields a minimum of seven 55-gallon trash bags full of donations (bags provided by Cradles to Crayons)
- Attend **one** scheduled Leadership Development Day at the C2C Giving Factory

Total Time Commitment: 25 hours per Session

Pre-Requisite Requirements: Applicants are required to volunteer at least one shift in the Giving Factory prior to applying for the program, or have attended one C2C community drive or sorting event. Additionally, applicants must have at least already started the 6th grade.

Why Join TLC? Our Teen Leadership Corps offers students the opportunity to gain valuable skills in the following areas: leadership, public speaking, time management, project planning, and team building. Students are also provided with a platform to share their time, knowledge, and talents so that thousands of children in need can have the essentials to thrive. Additionally, this looks great on resumes and meets many community service requirements.

To Apply: Please send the completed application, two recommendation forms, and a typed paragraph detailing why you want to be a Teen Leader to Teen Leadership Corps Program, c/o Ashley Tabet, 155 North Beacon St, Brighton, MA 02135.



C2C Teen Leadership Corps Fall 2012 Session Schedule

Spring 2012

Session: Friday, February 10-Saturday, June 16

Application period: Monday, December 5, 2011 – Friday, January 20, 2012

Notified of acceptance by: Monday, February 6 at 6pm

Training: Friday, February 10 from 6-8pm OR Saturday, February 11 from 4-6pm

Leadership Development Day: TBD

Special Event: Select one of the following- Comcast Cares Day, Saturday, April 21; Dana Hall Day of Service, Sunday, May 13; HOBY Volunteer Day, Saturday, June 9

Summer 2012

Session: Sunday, June 24-Friday, September 14

Application period: Tuesday, May 1, 2012 – Friday, June 8, 2012

Notified of acceptance by: Monday, June 18 at 6pm

Training: June 24 from 2-4pm OR June 25 from 6-8pm

Leadership Development Day: TBD

Special Event: Backpack-a-thon, August 10 (specific time TBD – required for all Teen Leadership Corps participants)

Family Showcase: Saturday, September 8, 4:30-6pm

Fall 2012

Session: Friday, September 28, 2012 – Saturday, January 26, 2013

Application period: Monday, August 13, 2012 – Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Notified of acceptance by: September 24 at 6pm

Training: September 28 from 6-8pm OR September 29 from 4-6pm

Leadership Development Days: Sunday, November 4th from 4-6pm; OR Friday, January 11th from 6-8pm



Teen Leadership Corps Application

The Application Packet must contain:

- This completed application form
- Two completed recommendation forms filled out by non-relatives and sealed in envelopes
- One paragraph typed about why you want to be a Teen Leader at Cradles to Crayons

Please send your application to Cradles to Crayons, c/o Ashley Tarbet, 155 North Beacon St, Brighton, MA 02135

Applications must be received no later than 5pm at the end of the application period listed on the Session Schedules information sheet.

Session I am applying for: Spring Summer Fall 20_____

First Name	Last Name	Middle Initial
Home Address	City	State Zip
Cell Phone (required for text communications)	Student's Email Address	
Date of Birth	Grade as of Fall 2012	Year of High School Graduation

Parent/Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Emergency Phone
Home Phone Number	Parent/Guardian Cell Phone Number
Home Address (if different from above)	City State Zip
Parent/Guardian Email Address	

School			
Guidance Counselor		School Phone	
School Mailing Address	City	State	Zip

List all previous volunteer work or service organizations you have been involved with:

Please list any activities you are currently involved with and indicate your weekly time commitment to each:

Self-Assessment	- 1					5 +	Comments
Punctuality	1	2	3	4	5	_____	
Sense of responsibility	1	2	3	4	5	_____	
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5	_____	
Teamwork	1	2	3	4	5	_____	
Ability to work alone	1	2	3	4	5	_____	
Attitude	1	2	3	4	5	_____	
Ability to communicate	1	2	3	4	5	_____	
Public speaking	1	2	3	4	5	_____	
Ability to represent organization	1	2	3	4	5	_____	
Overall leadership assessment	1	2	3	4	5	_____	

My Strengths are: _____

Skills I would like to learn at *Cradles to Crayons*: _____

I am able to meet *all* requirements: yes no (please include explanation on back of application)

Date you last volunteered for C2C [required for all participants]: _____

Training Date I Will Attend: _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Please Print Name: _____

****I hereby acknowledge all requirements listed on the first two pages of this application for the above student.****

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please Print Name: _____