



# MEDIA ACADEMY



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## 2015 Photo-Synthesis Media Academy Application

All applications must be received by **July 13, 2015 by 11:59 EST**. Email applications to [photosynthesismentoring@gmail.com](mailto:photosynthesismentoring@gmail.com) or drop them off at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex: 212 – 260 NE 59 Terrace Miami, Florida 33137. If dropping off, please hand it into or drop it off for Deborah Magdalena. Applications emailed or received after the deadline will **NOT** be reviewed.

### Description:

Photo-Synthesis is an organization dedicated to cultivating the next generation of creators and leaders. Through various programs aimed towards literacy, empowerment and sisterhood, Photo-Synthesis molds the minds of young girls to reach their full creative potential. An extension of the Photo-Synthesis Mentoring Organization, Photo-Synthesis Media Academy, occurring July 20-26 at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex, is designed to empower young black women through the promotion of media literacy and self empowerment so that they can become better writers, readers, and ultimately be a part of creating empowering and diverse images of themselves in media. It is the organization's mission to educate young girls about the importance of being conscious viewers and consumers of media, along with expanding their literacy. Throughout the program, the girls will gain skills necessary to effectively analyze media and elevate their self confidence.

### Eligibility:

- Female
- Between the ages of 13-19
- Enrolled in high school grades 9-12 at the time of application
- Lives in the South Florida area
- Of African American, Afro-Caribbean, or African descent

### Curriculum Overview:

- Empowerment workshops
- Media production workshops
- Sisterhood and team building
- Reading and writing workshops
- Leadership development

**Applicant info:**

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address-City, state & zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Twitter (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook URL (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of July 20, 2015: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

School location: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian info:**

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address-City, state & zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your daughter have any health conditions we should be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Emergency contact info:**

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address-City, state & zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Short answer questions:**

**Below are three categories of questions. Read each question and only answer ONE question in each category. Indicate which question you are answering above your response. Limit your answer to 1-2 paragraphs and answer the question in its entirety. Please answer the questions on a separate document or sheet of paper and submit your answers along with the application. Make sure to clearly write your full name, school and date of birth at the top of every page.**

**Category 1:**

A: What are your top 3 favorite TV shows & films and why?

B: Imagine that you are planning a conference at your school with the goal of empowering students to be successful. Who would you enlist as your keynote speaker and why?

### **Category 2:**

A: If you had to choose a fictional character from TV, film or literature, that is most like you, who would you choose and why do they reflect who you are?

B: How do you feel about the way that Black women are portrayed in the media?

### **Category 3:**

A: If you had to be any of these objects, which would you like to be and why: A clock, a pair of shoes or a duck?

B: If you lived in a world that was in black and white, what one thing would you make color and why?

### **Essay Prompt:**

**Please carefully read and respond to the following prompt in 250-500 words. Write your essay on a separate document or sheet of paper and submit it along with the application. Make sure to clearly write your full name, school and date of birth at the top of every page.**

Audre Lorde once said, “If I didn’t define myself for myself, I would be crunched into other peoples’ fantasies for me and eaten alive.” How do you define yourself as a black girl? (between 250-500 words)

### **Video Blog (optional):**

Record a video that is between 1-3 minutes responding to the following statement in regards to media: “Representation matters”. You may upload the video to youtube (make sure its unlisted) or vimeo and include the link on your application. You may also provide the video on a CD or email the file to [photosynthesismentoring@gmail.com](mailto:photosynthesismentoring@gmail.com). **Please write your name on whichever platform you use to share your video. This video blog is optional and will not count against your application if not competed.**

