



## 2009 Junior Counselor Application Process

Note: Junior Counselor positions are available on a limited basis for the 2009 LA GEAR UP Summer Learning Camp season. Competition for these positions is highly competitive. It is expected that many more applications will be received than the 20 available slots will be able to accommodate. Therefore, it is essential that each application is prepared carefully according to the instructions. Good Luck!

### I. Eligibility

- 1) Students that have completed three years of leadership training at LA GEAR UP Explorers Camps are eligible to apply.
- 2) Applications for these positions will only be accepted from those schools that were represented at the 2009 Explorers Club State Conference and Leadership Summit at Louisiana Tech University April 30-May 2, 2009

### II. Applications Packet

- 1) Nomination: Applicants must be nominated by the Explorers Club Sponsor. The letter of nomination should explain how the applicant has excelled in the areas of Academics, Behavior and Leadership, College Preparation and Career Exploration, and Service to school and community. In addition, the letter should identify specific ways in which the applicant has contributed to the operation of the Explorers Club as well as specific ways that the applicant has assisted others in the areas noted above. The nomination letter is the first item required in the application packet.
- 2) Letters of Recommendation: Three additional letters of recommendation are required. These letters should not be limited to a general recommendation, but should also provide evidence that the applicant has excelled in the ABCS.
- 3) Essay: The applicant must write a 1,000 word essay describing how they feel that they have excelled in each of the four domains as well as how they have helped others to be successful in those areas. In addition, the applicant should tell WHY they would like to be a camp counselor, what message they would convey to younger campers just beginning in the program, and how they feel that this position will better prepare them for their future educational and career goals.
- 4) Must apply for camp online for documentation purposes and to obtain the required parental consent and medical release forms.
- 5) Additional Documentation: In the appendix, applicants should provide any additional information/artifacts that they feel would strengthen the application.

### III. Deadline

**All applications MUST be POSTMARKED by May 8, 2009**

**Mail completed applications to:**

**Junior Counselor Applications  
c/o Glenn Beer  
P.O. Box 3163  
Ruston, LA 71272**