Community Action Summer (CAS) is based on the idea that empowering oneself and transforming the world go hand in hand, each supporting the other. CAS allows young people to build their leadership skills by fighting for racial, gender, environmental and economic justice in the South Bronx.

CAS will run from 12pm to 4:30pm on Wednesdays, for eight (8) weeks through July and August. CAS participants will also take field trips and attend community events outside of scheduled sessions. All outside events will be accessible by public transportation, or transportation will be provided.

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APPLICATION

STEP 1: PICK CLASSES FROM THE LIST BELOW

### Strengthening Mind
(Pick one)

- Poetry & Spoken Word
  Allows young people to develop writing and performance skills. Participants work closely with Bronx poets and host a Youth Poetry Showcase and open mic at the end of the summer.

- Art & Music History
  Explores the different art and music cultures that define the Bronx, hip-hop, salsa and R&B. Participants create visual art and practice basic music production, with an art opening at the end of the summer.

### Strengthening Body
(Pick one)

- Martial Arts
  Participants build confidence, perseverance and self-discipline while learning to defend themselves and others. Classes combine practical self-defense and karate forms.

### Strengthening Community
(Required)

- Earth Exploration
  In classroom and outdoor settings, participants will learn to both lead and work as a team. We will explore nature and learn how to keep it safe for future generations.

- Freedom School
  All CAS participants take part in the freedom school. Classes explore the fundamental questions shaping our lives: Why is there a growing gap between rich and poor? What are the origins of racism? Why are so many people in prison? Participants will combine knowledge and practice working alongside anti-gentrification activists in the Bronx to save their neighborhoods.

STEP 2: ENTER YOUR INFORMATION

FIRST NAME: _________________________ LAST NAME: ____________________________

INTERESTS: __________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________________ GRADE: ____________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________
BIRTH DATE: _______ / _______ / _______

PHONE: ____________________________ EMAIL: ______________________________________________

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SUGGESTED DONATION OF $20.00. NO ONE WILL BE TURNED AWAY FOR LACK OF FUNDS.

PARENT NAME: ________________________________________________________________________

PARENT PHONE: ____________________________ PARENT EMAIL: ____________________________

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