

# THE NORTHWEST INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL CHANGE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION – SUMMER PROGRAM 2007

IMPORTANT: To be considered for admission you must complete this application form and submit the following items:

- ♣ Transcripts (unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
- ♣ Professors/Advisor Recommendations (2)
- ♣ Peer Evaluation
- ♣ Essay Answers and/or Video Presentation of Answers

**If you prefer, you may submit a video presentation of your essay and short answers. Those answers should be submitted as a DVD, or posted on YouTube or MySpace.com. The application should take 2-3 hours to complete.**

**Rolling Deadline: Notification Begins April 2**

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Last Name First Name Preferred Name (if different)

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Mailing Address: Street City State Zip Code

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College or University Graduation Year

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Email Address Contact Phone Number

Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic Identification (optional)

African-American     
  Asian-American/Pacific Islander     
  Native Am.  
 Hispanic-American     
  Caucasian     
  Other  
 Prefer Not To Respond     
  More Than One

*The Northwest Institute for Social Change admits students and hires faculty of all races, colors, national origins, and ethnic origins, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and all other school-administered programs.*

Are you 18 years or older? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS**

**Please list any extracurricular activities, experiences, and/or internships which you believe are relevant to your qualifications for the Northwest Institute for Social Change: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Do you have experience working as a member of a close knit team?  Yes  No**

**If So, Explain: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Given that the Northwest Institute for Social Change program spends part of its time at a camp setting, hosts internships that can be unpredictable, and overall is challenging, which of your personality traits, characteristics, and skills will help contribute to your success?**

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If you have any special medical, physical, religious, dietary, or academic needs that the NW Institute needs to be aware of in order to accommodate your participation, you should notify the staff at the NW Institute. Without having this information at least 60 days prior to the commencement of the summer program, the NW Institute cannot assure appropriate support services and accommodations to your needs. Any information provided about these needs will not affect the decision regarding your admission.

## ESSAY QUESTIONS

*Directions: Answers may be submitted either in written or video form. Written answers should be typed and submitted on a separate sheet. Make certain that your name is included on this sheet and clearly number or demark your answers. Answers should be limited to the word counts provided with each question.*

*You may also choose to provide answers orally. To do so, videotape your answers or film them using your computer, cell phone, etc. In turn, these answers may be burned to a DVD or posted to a MySpace or YouTube account. If you choose to post your answers on-line, provide a link to these answers in your application. Answers should be limited to the time count provided within each question.*

## SHORT ANSWERS

**Please provide thoughts on each of the following subjects. Answer on a separate sheet(s) and please answer each question in fewer than 150 words; or, if you chose to answer by video response, limit your answers to one minute:**

1. Why do you want to participate in the NW Institute's summer program?
2. How did you find out about the program?
3. What would you most like to be remembered for in your life?
4. Your roommate informs you that he or she does not vote. What would you tell him or her?
5. How do you define your community?

## LONG FORM ANSWERS

**Respond to one of the following questions in 500 words or less. If you chose to answer by video response, please limit your answer to five minutes or less:**

1. You are opening your very own media outlet and need to convince funders to invest in your venture. Provide a brief business plan—include what type of media outlet you would launch and explain why, your intended audience and what types of stories you would like to cover and broadcast.
2. Provide a review about the film “Borat” which explains the film’s political and social implications—and answer whether you believe that this film achieved these goals.
3. Over the past months events like the Saddam Hussein’s execution and Michael Richard’s racist remarks have been recorded on cell phones and posted on the Internet. Broadcasting those events have brought attention to events which may otherwise have not reached a large audience. Provide a report of a significant event in your community which you believe has not received due recognition—and do so in a format you believe will help this issue or event receive greater notice.

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## SUMMER PROGRAM 2007 – TEACHER EVALUATION

**TO THE APPLICANT:** After completing all the relevant information below, please give this form to a teacher, advisor, or coach. Please ask that person to return the form to you enclosed in a sealed envelope with his/her signature written across the flap of the envelope. Return all application materials together.

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Last Name                                      First Name                                      Preferred Name (if different)

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College or University                                      Graduation Year

**PRIVACY NOTICE:** Under the terms of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act you will have access to your recommendation after you matriculate unless at least one of the following is true:

1. The Institution does not save recommendations, or
  2. You waive your right to the access in the future
- Yes, I waive my right to access and I understand I will never see this recommendation.

**TO THE RECOMMENDER:** Please fill out this form as completely as possible. This evaluation is a critical part of the student's admission to the Northwest Institute for Social Change summer program. The program is a fellowship program for which admitted students receive a "full-ride" scholarship. This is a highly competitive selection process: no more than twenty students are chosen from U.S. colleges and universities to participate in the summer program. Please feel free to include additional information and to include a formal letter of recommendation. Return this complete form to the applicant in a sealed envelope. Write your signature across the closed flap of the envelope.

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### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. How long have you known the student, and in what capacity/context?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What words or adjectives best describe the student?

3. Explain why this student stands out in terms of leadership, potential, and/or achievement?

**RATINGS AND SPECIFIC EVALUATION**

<b>No Basis</b>		<b>Below Avg.</b>	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>Above Avg.</b>	<b>Excellent (Top 10%)</b>	<b>One of the best encountered in my career</b>
	Academic Achievement					
	Intellectual Promise					
	Quality of Writing					
	Creative, Original					
	Productive Class Discussion					
	Respect accorded by faculty					
	Disciplined work habits					
	Maturity					
	Motivation					
	Leadership					
	Integrity					
	Reaction to Setbacks					
	Concern for Others					
	Self-Confidence					
	Initiative, Independence					
	Overall					

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**EVALUATION**

Please tell us whatever you think is important about this student, including a description of academic and personal achievements, examples of leadership and information that you believe differentiates this student from others. Feel free to attach additional sheets or to include another reference you have prepared on behalf of this student.

**Evaluators Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**College or University Affiliation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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## SUMMER PROGRAM 2007 – PEER EVALUATION

**TO THE APPLICANT:** After completing all the relevant information below, please give this form to a friend or peer. Please ask that person to return the form to you enclosed in a sealed envelope with his/her signature written across the flap of the envelope. Return all application materials together.

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Last Name	First Name	Preferred Name (if different)
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College or University	Graduation Year
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**TO THE RECOMMENDER:** Please fill out this form as completely as possible. This evaluation is a critical part of the student's admission to the Northwest Institute for Social Change summer program. Other forms and evaluations will supply us with more objective data, but we also want to know more about the candidate as a person.

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### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. How long have you known the student, and in what capacity/context?
2. What words or adjectives best describe the student?
3. Explain why this student stands out in terms of leadership, potential, and/or achievement?

## EVALUATION

Please tell us whatever you think is important about this student, including a description of academic and personal achievements, examples of leadership and information that you believe sets your peer apart from others. Feel free to attach additional sheets or to include comments beyond the answers to the questions below.

**What do you feel are this applicant's strengths?**

**Why do you value knowing the person?**

**How do you believe this person will "change the world"?**

**Please explain a situation or occasion when you and your peer argued and, more importantly, how you two have resolved any differences.**

**Can you describe what you believe is this applicant's greatest challenge – and how he or she manages this challenge?**

**Evaluators Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature**

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**Date**