



A-WOW Inc., 501 (c) (3) C/o International Girls Leadership Initiative
P.O. Box 116411. Carrollton Texas, USA 75011

A-WOW INC a not-for-profit organization based in Dallas, Texas, USA, operates as the flagship program of A-WOW International Girls Leadership Initiative, an acculturation program, which actively promotes leadership, education, diversity and innovation.

A-WOW IGLI

A global female-based initiative-established to help emerging teens and young women ages, 16-21 to develop personal leadership abilities, skill development and help prepare them to assume active leadership roles throughout various communities.

A-WOW provides innovative learning opportunities, education and leadership development through expert experiences and education of a higher quality. Through our programs, students embark upon a lifetime of meaningful participation; trainings and exposure that will help prepare them to become well-informed leaders and citizens.

Our aim is to educate, empower, and enrich irrespective of social, religious or ethnic backgrounds.

MISSION

To establish an enduring legacy for female leadership and promote the expansion and service of female based organizations and businesses globally.

VISION

To be the preferred leadership organization with a global initiative for girls ages 16 - 21, actively aspiring to be leaders of today and/or future generations.

A-WOW IGLI Outcomes-Objectives:

Young women demonstrate authentic leadership skills which facilitate a cross-cultural exchange of ideas and global unity mindset.

Young women display positive self-worth and healthy relationships with self, others, and their environment. (Identity capital, psychological capital, and social capital)

Young women exhibit personal and professional skills to be positive change agents for home, community, businesses, their country, and in a global economy.

Young women demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning which includes authentic leadership development, life skills, social competencies, and character development. These skills equip them to act as resources, contributors, mentors, and volunteers in a variety of leadership roles at home, community, business, governments, and beyond.



Young women are equipped to be competent and innovative entrepreneurs and mentors in the ever-changing panorama of scientific and technological change in our modern world.

Program Components

A-WOW-Harmony Academy Girls Leadership Program [January - May]

Harmony Science Academy, Grand Prairie, TX. Harmony Public Schools are high performing K-12 public charter schools in Texas that focus on math, science, engineering, and computer technologies to provide opportunities for under-served communities. A-WOW facilitates a leadership - mentor-ship program for girls attending Harmony Academy.

Students enrolled in the program meets once a week for a span of 5 months. The Program is established to assist in providing an increasing number of girl's ages 11-15 years. We educate and train girls on how to collaborate, handle and understand the unique challenges and pressures faced by youth in today's society. Participants will learn leadership skills, gain knowledge and experience through education, mentoring and coaching.

A-WOW IGLI Spring Ambassador Institute [January - February]

A-WOW IGLI Summer Ambassador Institute [May - June]

The Annual Spring/Summer Leadership and Development Institute cover a two-month span of personal leadership development. Candidates spend time learning and developing leadership and interpersonal skills. Each program consist of orientation and registration, pre/post-assessments, mentoring and coaching, class assignments as well as, group projects and networking.

A-WOW IGLI World Summit/Conferences [July - August]

The A-WOW International Girls Leadership World Summit is two-weeks of high-level learning, mentoring and coaching designed to help teens and young women's to reach their dreams and goals, and prepare them to assume active leadership roles in their community. It is all about "decisive action and sacred support" for those who are serious about achievements and doing what it takes with a 'no-excuses' approach.

Through A-WOW IGLI, students embark upon a lifetime of meaningful participation, trainings and exposure. Participants are introduced to new ideas and perspectives, that will help prepare them to become well-informed leaders and citizens in making the world a better place.

A-WOW IGLI Fall Symposium [October]

The A-WOW IGLI Mentoring Symposium is a two-day leadership retreat of empowerment, enrichment and education that provides a unique, cross-cultural learning experience via lectures, workshops and team-building exercises that will focus on making choices, personal leadership skills development, self-empowerment, health, and community services.



A-WOW World Summit Scholarship Program

In 2010, the A-WOW Inc., a not-for-profit organization, introduced a scholarship program to encourage students from different communities to pursue leadership. The program is open to girls ages, 16 - 21 years old, from various communities that have achieved academic excellence and will attend A-WOW World Summit. Students are eligible to receive a scholarship by meeting all necessary eligibility requirements.

Fundraisers

Film Screening and Panel Discussions - A-WOW International Girls Leadership Initiative we will host a series of special screening on films relating to girls and women empowerment. In an effort to jump-start “A-WOW Call-To-Action Campaign” that seeks to empower women and girls to challenge limiting labels in order to realize their potential, and to encourage men and boys to stand up to sexism.

American youth are being sold the concept that women and girls’ value lies in their youth, beauty and sexuality. It’s time to break that cycle of mistruths. A-WOW IGLI believes that all people should be represented equally in our media, that our voices should be heard and that we should all be valued for our talents, capacity as leaders, and ability to contribute to the world at large.

Raffle - The girls are working very hard to raise money to travel and attend the International Girls Leadership World Summit in July/August in Dallas Texas. The conference will be the host to girls ages 16-21, locally and from around the world that have been selected to participate in the A-WOW IGLI mentoring program. The raffle is just one part of the girl’s fundraising efforts, which also include a boat ride; Silent auction and doing odd jobs as a group at homes and business in exchange for donations.

Autumn Sail Boat Ride/silent auction - is a silent auction and ticketed event that raises money to underwrite A-WOW IGLI annual educational curriculum, workshops, and classes for girls ages 11 - 21 as well as help contribute funds for A-WOW IGLI Scholarship Trust.





Application/Programs

Teen girls/young women's ages 16 -21 can apply.

Participants must have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

Admission requirements:

Participants are issued sponsorship letters to garner support through corporate or individual donors.

Eligible participants may apply for The A-WOW World Summit Scholarship.

Participants must complete enrollment application, informal questions, essay, and 2 recommendations letters.

Application deadline: July 26, 2012

Visit our website igli.awow.us to apply or get more information.

- ❖ Complete online form. or download, complete and email form to admin@awow.us
- ❖ Attach the most recent transcript or report card
- ❖ Submit all required documents, forms, and materials by July 26, 2012.





In completing this form you are applying to attend the A-WOW International Girls Leadership Initiative World Summit, a Humanitarian formation leadership program for teen girls and young women ages 16 - 21.

Name Participant

Gender Male Female

Date of Birth 

Address

City

Postal code

State - Province

Country

E-mail Participant

Phone Participant

What is your race/ethnicity/culture?

What is your High School Name

High School Attending Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Hobbies or special interest

How did you hear about the AWOW IGLI?





Parent / legal guardian(s)

Address

City

Postal Code

State - Province

Country

Phone

E-mail

Recommendation letter 1 made by:

Phone

E-mail

Recommendation letter 2 made by:

Phone

E-mail

Mentor

Phone

E-mail





Participant Informal Questions

Tell us about yourself. what is your story?

What needs do you see in the world (local or global)?

What are you most passionate about and how do you see addressing these needs in the world?

Do you believe that girls in Africa your age have similar dreams and concerns as you?

This program is for participants who desire to be leaders and assume leadership roles, why do you want to participate in the A-WOW World Summit?

What do you hope to gain from this experience?



Essay Questions

Choose one question to answer from the list of essay questions below.

Your essay should be typed, double-spaced with the questions listed on the left-hand corner and your name in the top right-hand corner on each page.

Hand written essays will not be accepted.

You may also submit your essay in the form of a video or DVD presentation. All media presentations should be no longer than 15 minutes and labeled with your name.

Essays should be minimum 250, but no more than 500 words.

Essays should be original and all references must be cited appropriately.

Essays will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Creativity/Originality
- Understanding/knowledge of the subject
- Persuasive writing style

1. Leaders are thought to have a number of skills and qualities that help them in achieving great results.

As a future leader, which skills and qualities do you think will help you the most in achieving leadership positions?

Which skills do you feel need to be developed further?

How do you plan to develop them?

2. If you were the key head figure in your country's government, what immediate decisions would you make to tackle the one of the most pressing economic problems (unemployment, social &/or political problems)?

How easy do you think it would be to implement these decisions and what effects would they have?

You must submit the essays and all require application/forms to attend the conference.

Please note only original essays will be considered. Essays will be checked for authenticity, and all references should be properly cited.



RECOMMENDATIONS

Two letters of recommendation are required as part of your application. Choose adults who know you well and are not members of your family. At least one who recommends you should be from your school. These persons must complete the recommendation form provided. Please list below the names, phone numbers and addresses of the persons who will complete the recommendation forms. These forms may also be faxed or emailed directly to the A-WOW IGLI office, separate from your application submission.

TO THE RECOMMENDER:

1. Review the program with the participant and confirm their commitment to participating if accepted into the program.
2. Do not leave any questions blank and attach additional sheets if necessary.
3. Place recommendation form and/or reference letter in a sealed envelope and send with the participant application.

Recommendation: additional questions

How long and under what circumstances have you known the participant?

Describe the participant' s involvement in school and community activities.

Please comment on the participant' s intelligence and academic ability, including creativity, independence of thought, & the ability to communicate ideas.

What information can you give about the participant's home conditions and family background that bears upon her suitability for admission?

MENTOR

Participants accepted into the program must identify a mentor from your school or community. These mentors will meet with you monthly as you complete your term in the program. Prospective mentors must complete a mentor application. All mentors must be adults who are age 21+ and willing to commit to a 1 year relationship. Family members and siblings are not eligible to serve as mentors for you. Please list below the name, phone number and address of the person you will ask to serve as your mentor.





Parent/Guardian Consent Form

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNS IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR A-WOW Inc., A-WOW INTERNATIONAL GIRLS LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE
(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING)

I, _____, the Parent/Guardian of _____, enrolled at _____ (Name of High School) hereby acknowledge that I freely voluntarily wish my child to participate in A-WOW International Girls Leadership Initiative [A-WOW IGLI]2012 World Summit in and around the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex or other locations in the Northern/ Southern regions in order to participate in A-WOW IGLI ("Activity"). In consideration for A-WOW IGLI arranging this opportunity for my child to participate in the Activity, I hereby execute this Release of Liability with the intent to bind myself, my spouse (if applicable), my heirs, assigns, and legal representatives. I further state that I am at least 18 years of age and competent to sign this affirmation and release.

My child and I fully understand and agree that certain aspects of the Activity may be physically and emotionally demanding and that by my child's participation in he Activity, she faces the risk of accidental and/or other physical and/or emotional injuries. These risks include, but are not limited to, (1) loss or damage to personal property; (2) injury or fatality duet o, and/or related to, (a) traveling to and from and/or during the Activity, (b) the condition of outdoor facilities, tools, equipment or other instruments my child may use for this Activity (c) exposure to inclement weather, outdoor terrain, and all the risks inherent therein, (d) slips and falls, and (e) any and all other aspects and stresses related to the Activity, including interaction with personnel, who may not be employees of A-WOW Inc., among others. I understand and assume the risks of my child's participation in the Activity.

My child and I have fully investigated the nature of the Activity, including whether participants will be subjected to physical and/or emotional stresses, and my child and I understand and assume the risks of my child's participation in the Activity. My child agrees to advise the Activity Coordinators at any point when she questions her ability to participate in any part of the Activity.

I EXPRESSLY AGREE AND INTEND THAT MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITY SHALL BE UNDERTAKEN BY MY CHILD AT HER OWN RISK AND THAT NEITHER A-WOW INC. A-WOW IGLI, ITS TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS NOR ASSIGNS SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ANY INJURIES, DAMAGES, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, ACTIONS OR CAUSES OF ACTION WHATSOEVER WHICH MAY ARISE OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITY, WHETHER FROM ACTS OF ACTIVE OR PASSIVE NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF MY CHILD OR ON THE PART OF A-WOW IGLI, ITS TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND ASSIGNS, AND I DO HEREBY FOREVER RELEASE, DISCHARGE, INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND WILL DEFEND A-WOW IGLI, ITS TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND ASSIGNS FOR ANY SUCH INJURIES, DAMAGES, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, ACTIONS, OR CAUSES OF ACTION.

The terms of this Release of Liability are to be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Texas. In the event any term or provision of this Release of Liability is found to be unenforceable or void, in whole or in part, the term or provision concerned shall be construed as valid and enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by law, and the balance of this Release of Liability shall remain in full force and effect. I agree that exclusive venue for any dispute arising between A-WOW IGLI and me and/or my child involving this Release of Liability in any way shall be in Denton County, Texas.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Date

