Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site
2023 Summer Leadership Institute

"I learned that leadership is not just telling people what to do. It's about inspiring people to do better for the community."

– Sidney Shavers, 2011 Institute Graduate

The National Park Service is pleased to sponsor the fourteenth annual Maggie L. Walker Summer Leadership Institute, July 10-13 and July 17-20, 2023. We are seeking outstanding, middle and high school-age students to benefit from this free program.

Park Information	Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site, home of the first African American woman in the United States to become president of a chartered bank, has been a National Park site since 1978. In addition to being a leader in the Independent Order of St. Luke, an important benevolent association, Maggie L.	Walker was a philanthropist, a feminist, and an early advocate of civil rights, becoming active in many national organizations and fostering the economic empowerment of generations of women and African Americans.
The Institute	The Leadership Institute provides a two week experiential program for youth interested in developing leadership skills and participating in community service projects. It is a free program open to rising 8th through 10th grade students in the greater Richmond area and is limited to fourteen participants. The program meets	Monday through Thursday, July 10-13 and Monday through Thursday, July 17-20, 9am - 2pm each day, onsite at Maggie L. Walker NHS. Participants can also earn additional volunteer hours during the annual Maggie L. Walker Birthday Celebration, July 14-16, 2023.
Goals of the Institute	Maggie Walker's earliest leadership role in the Order was as Matron of the Juvenile Department, helping young people learn self-discipline, self-help, and selflessness, and showing young leaders the importance of helping others and their communities. Following Mrs. Walker's example, this program inspires participants to be future leaders through cultivating their sense of pride in heritage, focusing on the habits of	effective teens, exposing them to successful community leaders, and helping them create a personal plan for the future. The goal is to teach students to become engaged citizens, serving their community proudly and developing strong character traits to better understand themselves and their place as an integral component of a wider global community.

- Applications are due by Friday, May 12, 2023.
- Institute Dates: July 10-13 and July 17-20, 2023

Application may be downloaded from the park website (www.nps.gov/mawa). Mail, fax or email completed application to:

Mailing Address:

Attention: Summer Leadership Institute
Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site
3215 E. Broad St, Richmond, VA 23223

Fax: 804-771-8522

Contact: Ajena Rogers, Site Supervisor
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804-226-5042

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Student Application

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Richmond, VA 23223

- By fax: 804-771-8522
- By email: Ajena_Rogers@nps.gov, subject line
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Name		Grade (next year)	
Age		School (current)	
Date of Birth		School (next year)	
Address		Home Phone	
City/State/Zip		Email	

Parent/Guardian			
Address		Guardian Phone	
City/State/Zip		Guardian Email	

In which extracurricular activities do you participate at school or in the community?	

Why are you applying for the MLW Summer Leadership Institute and what would you like to get out of it?	

What is/are your favorite subject(s) in school?

Why do you feel this is your favorite subject? Please explain.

What kinds of books or magazines do you read? Why?

If you were given your choice of jobs, occupations, or a special career, what would it be?

How would you define a leader?

Is there anything else that you would like us to know about you?

Student Signature		Date	
Parent Signature		Date	