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Applications Available for YWCA’s Young Women’s Summer Program
Free YWLC Summer Institute for Girls in Grades 7-12

Hartford, CT – YWCA Hartford Region is now accepting applications for the Young Women’s Leadership Corps (YWLC) 2014 Summer Institute. YWLC Summer Institute gives young women in grades 7 – 12 from the greater Hartford area the confidence and leadership skills to achieve their educational and personal goals. YWLC builds personal leadership, teaches decision making skills, establishes healthy behaviors, promotes college education and develops career readiness in young women. The program runs Monday through Thursday, 9 AM – 4 PM from July 14 through August 15, 2014 at YWCA Hartford Region’s offices at 135 Broad Street, Hartford. YWLC Summer Institute is free for participants, but space is limited.

YWLC Summer Institute is partnering with Aetna, Inc. to offer activities focused on health/wellness, technology and career readiness. Aetna’s employees and YWCA staff will provide a hands-on and rich learning environment with exciting activities that prepare the young women for their future careers. The workshops include Zumba, nutrition, self-empowerment, information technology, service learning and more, using Aetna’s facilities.

“YWLC provides young women with the necessary support and tools they need to achieve any dream,” said Diane Drakes, Youth Development Manager, YWCA Hartford Region. “The Summer Institute is a great opportunity for young women to meet new friends and spend the summer discovering more about themselves.”

Now in its 13th year, YWLC has taught young women that all things are possible. YWLC has helped over 500 young women reach their goals and achieve their dreams.

Registration materials are available online at http://www.ywc Hartford.org/what_we_do/ywlc.html. For more information, contact Diane Drakes, Youth Development Manager, at (860) 525-1163, ext. 317 or DianeD@ywc Hartford.org.

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Established in 1867, YWCA Hartford Region is the third oldest affiliate of YWCA, a women's membership movement dedicated to **eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all**. YWCA Hartford Region provides programs and services in the greater Hartford Region including child care, supportive housing, teen leadership development, racial justice awareness, financial literacy and economic empowerment. For more information, visit www.ywcahartford.org and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).