



GIRLS WRITE NOW

Girls Write Now’s mission is to provide guidance, support, and opportunities for underserved girls from New York City’s public high schools to develop their creative, independent voices, explore careers in professional writing, and learn how to make healthy school, career, and life choices.

Girls Write Now (GWN) has been recognized twice by the White House as one of the top after-school arts and cultural organizations in the nation, and by the *New York Times*, the United Nations, the *Wall Street Journal*, and *Newsweek*.

WHY WE MATTER

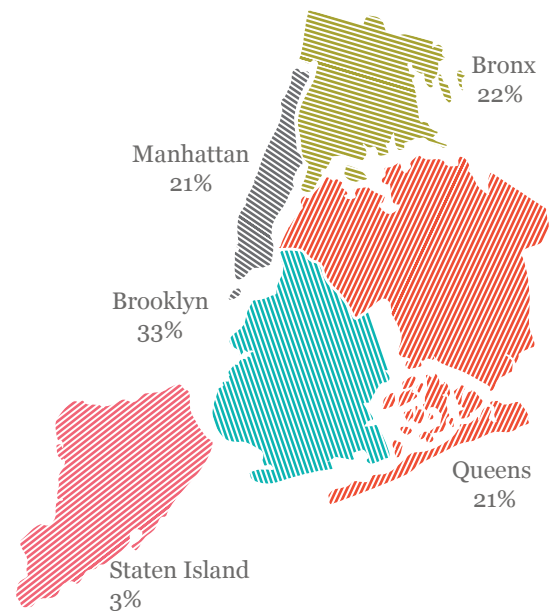
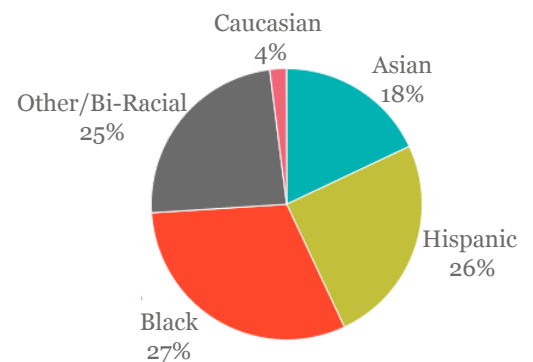
Girls are growing up in a time when educational inequalities and gender disparities prevail. Only 27% of seniors nationally have proficient writing skills and one in five American youths do not have caring adults in their lives.

OUR REACH AND IMPACT

By providing writing programs and personalized mentorship, GWN is breaking through barriers of gender, race, and poverty, cultivating the writers of tomorrow and demonstrating that girls’ voices can shape the world.

- 5,000 teen girls mentored and served
- 100% of GWN seniors graduate and go on to college
- 90% of our mentees are high need and girls of color
- 95% of girls reported they now know about new online forms of writing because of GWN
- 93% of girls said they were proud of their writing and digital portfolios at the end of the year, versus 45% at the beginning

OUR MENTEES



OUR PROGRAMS

Writing & Mentoring Program

The flagship Writing & Mentoring Program matches teen girls with professional women writers for an intensive mentoring relationship that lasts from one to four years. Alongside her mentor, each student hones her writing, editing, and public speaking skills; in the process, she becomes part of an intergenerational community of writers and builds self-confidence to make empowered choices in her school, career, and life.

Digital Media Mentoring Program

In partnership with The New School, the Digital Media Mentoring Program is a cutting-edge program at the intersection of writing and digital media. Building on the Writing & Mentoring Program's model, the students are matched with digital media professionals as their mentors. Through weekly meetings and monthly studio-style workshops, they learn skills related to video and audio production, interaction design, creative programming, and animation, among others.

College Bound Program

The College Bound Program provides free programming to a wider audience of underserved high school girls across New York City. It offers essay writing workshops, where participants draft and revise their personal statements, seminars on college life, and customized support in the college application process.

Beyond Writing

GWN teens experience depression, eating disorders, domestic violence, among other issues. GWN's Therapy Panel—pro bono, licensed mental health professionals—is on call throughout the year to support staff, mentors, and mentees.

The GWN Youth Board is our primary platform for girls to demonstrate leadership and gain insight into how a nonprofit organization runs. Currently, 15 alumnae serve on the Board, working with staff to develop and lead curriculum, organize readings, support college prep activities, and assist with mentee enrollment.

The GWN College Prep Panel of teaching artists, financial aid experts, admissions officers, freshmen advisors, high school guidance counselors, and mentor alum help our girls navigate the college application process, making sure they get into the right school and thrive there.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

“In giving young women in the five boroughs this biggest of all gifts, Girls Write Now is giving the rest of us the gift of those girls.” — GLORIA STEINEM, FEMINIST, ACTIVIST, & AUTHOR

“It's hard not to be inspired.” — PEOPLE

“Girls Write Now makes the extraordinary possible.” — ROXANNE GAY, AUTHOR OF *BAD FEMINIST*

“Girls Write Now has changed my life. My mentor has helped me to take risks; to feel confident in myself and in my writing.” — EMELY PAULINO, MENTEE

“We mentors arrive at Girls Write Now pondering what we will teach; then we discover how much we have to learn from our amazing mentees.” — JULIE SALAMON, MENTOR & AUTHOR OF *CAT IN THE CITY*



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