Personal Statements
Courtney L., Uniondale High School
“The Empowerment Academy would be good for me because I like science and technology...participating in this program would broaden my knowledge of these topics.”

Michael V., Lawrence Road Middle School
“I want to be in this program because it will help me understand...technology and help my future. I was in the program last year and I really liked it...this is the reason why I want to be here.”

Matthew V., Lawrence Road Middle School
“I enjoy science very much...I like to learn new things and I hope it will help me to get better grades in my science classes. Also because of this I have more chances to get a better job and help my family.”

Kathleen C., St. Martin de Porres Marianist School
“This program is an excellent opportunity to...advance to the next level. It is an honor to be chosen for this wonderful program. I plan to look ahead to see what the Empowerment though Science and Technology Academy has in store for me.”

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Coming this August
Uniondale Public Library
Empowerment through the Arts
Academy for Teens!
This program is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and is administered by The Huntington Arts Council, Inc.

Verbatim Excerpts from Empowerment Academy Essays & Letters of Recommendation.
Essay Responses to the following topic: “The Digital Divide: The importance of closing it.”

Marquis B., Uniondale High School
“Pros for closing the digital divide include those who argue it would improve literacy, democracy, social mobility, economic equality and economic growth.”

Dimitri C., The Greenvale School
“This issue affects people of every age, but it is most obvious among school-aged children and young adults. Students who have access to the Internet and technology are much more adequately prepared for the future than those who do not.”

Cyan H., Sacred Heart Academy
“It is important to close this divide...it will help people become more connected with each other and with the world.”

Elisha M., Lawrence Road Middle School
“We need to close this gap so that all nations can communicate and conduct business on the same level. The Empowerment Academy...will educate us and empower us to be leaders in the future where we can close the digital divide.”

Letters of Recommendation

Lauren B., St. Martin de Porres Marianist School
“Lauren is a very bright and personable young lady. She is very involved in our school community. Her favorite subjects are science and social studies.”

Keith Lucchesi, Teacher.

Glen G., Turtle Hook Middle School
“His parents have worked so hard to ensure that Glen...receive(s) every possible opportunity. Glen and his family really inspire me..he is an exceptionally resilient individual and has real strength of character.”

Ruee Huang, MD, North Shore LIJ

Gregory H., Lawrence Road Middle School
“Gregory is a student who has shown great improvement in the three years I have known him. He always puts forth a strong effort in everything he attempts.”

Linda Keogh, ELA Teacher.

“Noel is a perceptive, sharp, quick individual that has excelled very well with his studies. Noel has been a strong leader in the Boy Scouts of America...he would make an outstanding candidate for your program.”

Jessica L. Medard, MSW—NYC Department of Corrections

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Brandon M., Turtle Hook Middle School
“He has proven to be a hard worker, and has shown his dedication to learning by achieving good grades throughout the school year so far. Brandon shows maturity beyond his years and would prove to be a good asset to the...program.”

Jessica Badillo, Teacher

Justin M., Lawrence Road Middle School
“Justin is a very polite young man and gets along with his peers. I know he will continue to work hard on whatever he does.”

Linda Keogh, ELA Teacher

He participates in class, always putting forth great effort. Justin has strong family support, and strives for excellence.

Stacey Neysmith, Science Teacher

Brandon T., Turtle Hook Middle School
“He has shown a love for science and inquiry-based science. He is one of the most promising young researchers in my program and will be competing in high level competitions. He is mature beyond his years...”

Paul Lichtman, PharmD, Turtle Hook Middle School

Katia V., Lawrence Road Middle School
“She is a very focused and self-motivated young lady. I believe the...Academy for Teens would help Katia reach her full potential in the sciences and would be a great attribute to your program. “

Secilia Drury, Science Teacher, Lawrence Road Middle School