

MISSION: The mission of the Kanye West Foundation (KWF) is to help combat the severe dropout problem in schools across the United States by partnering with community organizations to provide underserved youth access to music production programs that will enable them to unleash their creative ability and reach their full potential.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Kanye West Foundation currently implements **loop dreams**tm, a program that uses hip hop to inspire, expose and engage young people in learning, education and the arts. **loop dreams** is an innovative program that immerses youth in the elements of hip hop as a way to help them to learn valuable skills, set long term goals, and develop important key skills that will contribute to their future success.

PARTNERSHIPS: KWF is seeking organizations that would like to work in partnership on the implementation of the **loop dreams** program. Generally speaking KWF is seeking organizations that would like to work in partnership rather than just as a host of the program. Organizations seeking to implement **loop dreams** should use the following guidelines to determine whether they are a suitable site for partnership.

PREFERRED PARTNER SITE GUIDELINES: KWF is seeking organizations that meet the following guidelines:

- Registered as a not-for-profit 501 c 3 organization that works directly with young people
- Committed to the mission of the Kanye West Foundation
- Committed to work collaboratively to ensure that the individual needs of participants are met and that connections to resources and support are targeted and publicized
- Dedicated space that can be used to implement **loop dreams**. Preferred sites will have a functioning music studio located in their facility that can be used as the primary location for **loop dreams** workshops and activities. Organizations without a functioning music studio may also be considered for partnership.
- Access to additional classroom and assembly space for meetings, activities and events as needed
- Committed to work together to showcase and publicize the positive outcomes of the program
- Committed to participate in the refinement and ongoing development of the **loop dreams** program

BECOMING A PARTNER SITE: Organizations interested in partnering with KWF should follow these steps:

1. **Submit Letter of Interest:** potential partners should notify the Foundation of their interest in collaboration by sending an official letter of interest. The letter should clearly indicate the following:
 - The Organization's Mission: including how it would be supported by a partnership with KWF
 - Information About The Organization: including target population, organizational practices and other programs
 - Overview of Proposed Partnership: including a description of the program as well as how the partnership will operate
 - Relevant Supplemental Materials: such as annual reports, program documentation or other materials you deem appropriate
2. **Review:** KWF staff will review the letter of interest as well as other organizational information to make a determination about the suitability of potential partnership.
3. **Site Visit:** KWF staff will visit the potential partner organization's site to tour the facility, learn about their programming and get a sense of how the organization operates
4. **Meeting:** a meeting will occur between appropriate decision makers from the potential partner organization and KWF. At this meeting staff will discuss potential partnership opportunities
5. **Memorandum of Understanding:** if the organization is appropriate for partnership a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be negotiated and agreed upon.
6. **Program Planning:** once an organization has signed and executed their MOU, staff will meet to discuss the specifics of the collaboration and will begin the process of preparing for program implementation at the site.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For more information please do not hesitate to contact us:

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