

Application Form**Profile**

If you have any questions or difficulty submitting this application, please reach out to Alex Guzhnay at aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov or call 203-946-7670.

Sharmont

First Name

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Middle
Initial

Little

Last Name

influencealifellc@gmail.com

Email Address

49 Chapel St Left door

Home Address

Suite or Apt

New Haven

City

CT

State

06513

Postal Code

What ward do you live in (optional - please select ward if you know)?☒ Ward 14

Mobile: (203) 606-3232

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Are any of the above number a cell phone number?☒ Yes ☐ No**If so, which? Also, is it okay to send a text message?****Are you currently employed by the City of New Haven or the New Haven Public School System?**☐ Yes ☒ No

Yale New Hven Hospital

Employer

Nurse

Job Title

To see our list of Boards and Commissions please click here: <https://newhaven-ct.granicus.com/boards/w/976a34cad711af7c/boards>

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Cultural Affairs Commission: Submitted

Is this an appointment or reappointment request? *

☒ Appointment

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve. Please attach any of the follow:

Resume, Curriculum Vitae (CV), Professional Bio, or a Statement of Interest.

[SHARMONT_INFLUENCE_LITTLE_2025_CV.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

If not submitting a Resume or CV, please submit a ~150 word Statement of Interest as to why you are interested in serving on your selected boards/commissions. If you have uploaded a resume OR you are seeking reappointment, you can write n/a.

N/A

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I am eager to serve on the board or commission because I deeply value the art and culture of the City of New Haven, Connecticut. I am committed to fostering and expanding multigenerational programming and opportunities that enrich the lives of residents and contribute to a vibrant cultural landscape. By actively engaging in this role, I hope to help cultivate a positive and dynamic artistic identity for the city, ensuring that its diverse community continues to thrive.

Why do you believe you would be a good fit for your selected board and commission(s)?

I believe I would be a strong candidate for this board, as I have dedicated over twenty years to advancing the arts and providing platforms for residents to pursue their interests or discover new creative opportunities. I take great pride in curating inclusive, safe, and engaging events and workshops that welcome the entire New Haven community. My open-minded approach, coupled with a deep commitment to fostering a sense of belonging, enables me to contribute meaningfully to the city's cultural landscape.

Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in board/commission meetings? Meeting times can be found by visiting newhavenct.gov/boards, but most are usually once a month for 1-2 hours.

no

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be politically proportionate, per State Statute on minority party representation (CGS § 9-167a). What is your political affiliation on your voter registration?

Democrat

In order to stay compliant with our city's charter, are you registered to vote in New Haven?

☒ Yes ☐ No

We strive to maintain diversity in all of our Boards and Commissions. These questions are optional and if you volunteer the information we will only use it to ensure that our boards and commissions are diverse.

Ethnicity

☒ African American

Gender

☒ Male

How did you hear about serving on our Boards & Commissions?


being a part of the cultural landscape



SHARMONT INFLUENCE LITTLE

POET | MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER | ENTREPRENEUR | ACTOR

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EXPERIENCE

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND WORKSHOPS 2007 TO PRESENT

Cultural Sensitivity Training Substance Abuse Centers
SEL: Social Emotional Learning Poetry Workshops
Social Stressors Poetry Workshops
Community Food Drive Thanksgiving and Christmas
Community Shows (Poetry and Theater)

2007-PRESENT

PERFORMANCE

2025 SHUBERT THEATER (HEADLINER)
2024 NEW HAVEN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
2024 JAMAICA
2023 HAWAII (HEADLINER)
2019 SPONSORED TOUR NY,NJ,MA, CA,NV,
2012 THICK CHRONICLES (THEATER
2011 MALCOM AND JESUS EAT FISH (THEATER)
2009 NCAA IMAGE AWARDS (PERFORMER)
2007 CONGRESS WASHINGTON DC
(SPEAKER FREE LABOR CHOICE ACT 1199 UNION

2007-PRESENT

COLLABERATION

Kulturlly LIT New Haven
Leaner Engagement & Attendance Program
Clifford Bears Mental Health Service
YALE Afro American Culture Center
New York School System
Arts For Learning Connecticut
New York School Systems
Connecticut School System

AWARDS | ACHIEVEMENTS

2025 ARTIST OF THE YEAR
2025 BLACK ACHIVEMENT AWARD
2024 NEW HAVEN CT POET LAUREATE
2019 CT GRAND SLAM POETRY CHAMPION
2012-2018 MEMBER OF CT POETRY TEAM
2023-25 YOUTH POETRY SLAM COACH
2023-25 ADULT POETRY SLAM COACH

SYNOPSIS

Influence's goal is to educate and inspire people of all ages and mind sets, with a strong focus on the youth of the inner cities. He has performed all over the country and abroad. Influence made a name for himself as a slam poet winning over a 100 slams nationwide and being a six time member of the Connecticut slam team Verbal Slap including currently coaching the adult and youth teams. He has also curated a number of platform for poets to hone and advance their craft.

COMPANY

INFLUENCE A LIFE LLC