



## 2016 Black College Tour Application Cover Page

The YMCA Black Achiever's program is delighted that you have expressed an interest in participating in the upcoming tour. The annual tour provides an opportunity for high school students to be exposed to Historically Black Colleges & Universities throughout the country with the hopes of peaking your interest for future enrollment. The tour is geared toward students in 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade. Consideration will be made for seniors who plan to attend any of the schools the tour will visit in 2016.

The Black College Tour process consists of 4 steps which include the following: 1) **Complete** Application Submission, 2) **Black College Tour Interview**, 3) Tour Acceptance/ Denial, 4) **Mandatory Pre- Tour Activities** (Orientation, Tour Retreat, Harley Davidson Sponsored Tour Breakfast, and Tour Send Off).

Please note that the YMCA staff in partnership with the Harley- Davidson motor company volunteers reserve the right to reject any application that does not meet the tour requirements. Tour requirements include the following:

- Minimum 2.5 cumulative G.P.A for Teen Achievers; 2.75 cumulative G.P.A for Non- Teen Achievers
- **Complete application (letters of recommendation, report card showing cumulative G.P.A, essay question typed in a word document, application fee)**
- Past Tour conduct/behavior
- Overall program conduct
- Program participation
- Feedback from references

Any applications received that are incomplete will not be accepted. Completed means that every necessary document requested is submitted at the same time.

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## 2016 Black College Tour



### ELIGIBILITY

The YMCA Black College Tour is open to all high school students grade **9th through 12th** who meet the following criteria:

Minimum of 2.5 Cumulative G.P.A for Teen Achievers

Minimum of 2.75 Cumulative G.P.A for Non- Teen Achievers

Exhibits maturity, respect, and interest in pursuing a college education (determined by interview).

### APPLICATION PROCESS

All candidates must **COMPLETE** the application form and submit the following:

**\$25 Teen Achiever Application Fee-Teen Achievers only (non-refundable)**

**\$50 Non Teen Achiever Application Fee**

**Most recent report card**

**2 recommendation forms, completed by a teacher, counselor, mentor, pastor, or Teen Advisor that is NOT a relative.**

A 750 (max) word 5 paragraph typed essay that answers the following questions: It has been 10 years since Hurricane Katrina devastated the Southeast. What are lessons you learned from Hurricane Katrina's devastation and the public response? How can these lessons help prepare you for college? Explain why this makes you a good candidate for the 2016 tour.

**Complete Applications will be accepted until 12/1/2015 5:00 p.m. Applications received after that date will be wait listed.**

Once you submit your **COMPLETE** application with all items by the deadline, you will be contacted to schedule your interview. **If all application items are not received, no interview will be granted.** After acceptance, a \$100 deposit is due within 2 weeks. Failure to pay the deposit within the 2 weeks will result in a \$25 late fee. It is important that you turn in your application as soon as possible.

**TOUR COST: \$450 for Teen Achiever Program Participants/ \$550 for Community Participants**

**All applications received after 12/1 will be wait listed. Students will be contacted based on their COMPLETE application and available space.**

**ALL FEES AND PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

**FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

**TOUR DATES: March 26- April 2, 2016**

**Tentative Historically Black Colleges and Universities:**

Texas Southern University  
Prairie View University  
Southern University  
Louisiana State University  
Xavier University  
Dillard University

Submit all applications to:  
YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee  
Submit all applications to: Shaneé Jenkins  
Association Office  
161 W. Wisconsin Avenue Ste. 4000  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203

**(THIS IS THE ONLY LOCATION WHERE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED)**

Telephone: (414) 374-9401  
[blackachievers@ymcamke.org](mailto:blackachievers@ymcamke.org)  
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### APPLICATION FOR YMCA BLACK COLLEGE TOUR 2015

#### STUDENT INFORMATION:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ (use preferred email to receive TOUR info)

#### PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ (use preferred email to receive TOUR info)

#### Please complete the following information.

Are you an active participant of Teen Achievers? YES NO

If no, please indicate group affiliation if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended the YMCA Black Achievers College Tour?

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER MALE FEMALE

GRADE 9th 10th 11th 12th

**Teen Achiever Application Fee: \$25.00**

**Non-Teen Achiever Application Fee: \$50.00**

**(NO REFUNDS ON APPLICATION FEE OR TOUR PAYMENTS)**

Make Check Payable to : YMCA Black Achievers

#### RETURN COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:

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Attention: Shaneé Jenkins  
Milwaukee, WI 53203

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*I acknowledge that participation on the tour is contingent upon receipt of all application materials and forms to the Black Achievers office, completion of personal interview, payment of all fees, and attendance at mandatory events associated with the trip.*

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### For Office use only:

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Received by \_\_\_\_\_

Check No. or Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_





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### RECOMMENDATION FOR YMCA BLACK COLLEGE TOUR 2016

#### TO THE APPLICANT:

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

#### TO THE EVALUATOR

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

How long have you known this student and in what context?

What are the first words that come to your mind to describe this student?

Would you recommend this student to be a participant on this tour? Why?

#### RATINGS

How do you rate this student in terms of:

N/A	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Comments
				Academic Achievement
				Intellectual Promise
				Quality of writing
				Respect
				Maturity
				Motivation
				Leadership
				Concern for others
				Self-Confidence
				Initiative, Independence
				Overall

#### EVALUATION

Please write whatever you think is important about this student, including a description of academic and personal characteristics. We welcome information that will help us to differentiate this student from others. (Feel free to attach an additional sheet or another reference you may have prepared on behalf of this student on letterhead.)

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