



# Black College Tour Application

## Application Cover Letter

Dear Applicant,

The YMCA Black Achievers 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 piquing your interest for future enrollment.

The Black College Tour process consists of 4 steps which include the following: 1) Completed application submission, 2) Black college tour interview, 3) Tour acceptance/ denial, 4) Mandatory pre-tour activities (orientation, tour retreat, tour breakfast, and tour sendoff pre-departure activities).

Please note that the YMCA staff reserve the right to reject any applicant that does not meet the tour requirements. Tour requirements include the following:

Minimum GPA of 2.5  
Overall program conduct (program participants only)  
Program participation (program participants only)  
Past participant tour conduct/behavior (returning teens only)  
Feedback from references

The application deadline is 12/14/2018. Applications received after the deadline will be waitlisted. To make the tour more accessible for all, students that apply before the deadline will have an opportunity to fundraise to decrease some of the tour expense. **In addition to the fundraising opportunities, we are offering an Early Bird Special to the first 5 students that submit a completed application and registration fee.** The Early Bird Special will provide recipients with \$100 off the total tour cost. More information will be forthcoming.

This cover letter will accompany each black college tour application that is shared to ensure all applicants are aware of the application expectations.

In Service,

**Rayven T. Peterson**

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Operations Executive  
Northside YMCA



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## Important Information to Remember

Tour Dates: Saturday, April 13, 2019- Saturday, April 20, 2019

List of potential HBCUs:

- Jackson State University
- Tuskegee University
- Tougaloo College
- Alabama State University
- Alabama A&M University
- Alcorn State University

\*Campus visits will be confirmed in 2019 and chosen from the above list of HBCUs based on scheduling and availability

Tour Rates:

Teen Achievers Rate	Community Participant Rate
Application Fee: \$25.00*	Application Fee: \$50.00*
Tour Registration: \$425.00	Tour Registration: \$500.00
Total Cost: \$450.00**	Total Cost: \$550.00**

\*Application Fee is due when application is submitted and is non-refundable

\*\*Flexible Payment Plan and Fundraising opportunities available

### Price Includes:

- Hotel Fee
- Most Meals
- Tour T-Shirt
- Tour Enrichment and Cultural Activities

PLEASE SUBMIT REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

YMCA Black Achievers Program – Attn: Rayven Peterson  
1350 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53205

**Registration Deadline: December 14, 2018**

Questions? Call 414.374.9442 or email: [rpeterson@ymcamke.org](mailto:rpeterson@ymcamke.org)



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## STUDENT INFORMATION *(Please print legibly)*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Student DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT /GUARDIAN INFORMATION

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Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended the YMCA Black College Tour?      YES      NO  
 Are you an active participant in Teen Achievers?      YES      NO  
 If yes, please indicate which center you attend:      Northside      Parklawn      Rite Hite      West Suburban

If no, please indicate which group affiliation (if not YMCA): \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT WRITING PROMPT

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The YMCA Black College Tour is much more than visiting colleges and universities. It also involves cultural enrichment and exploring historical sites. One of the sites we plan to visit is the Edmund Pettus Bridge, which was one of the locations on the 54 mile Selma to Montgomery March. The march took place in 1965 to raise awareness for the need to establish rights for black voters.

As it relates to voting and/or peaceful protests, what impact does history have on what is transpiring in our world today? Write a 500-word typed essay describing some of the barriers and social injustices that African Americans currently face. Additionally, how can you use the legacy of those who have paved the way to influence your activism on campus?

## REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

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- Individual Registration Form
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Signed Photo Release/ Activity Waiver/ Medical Information
- Most recent report card
- Payment- \$25.00 (Achiever Application Fee)/ \$50.00 (Community Participant Application Fee)
- Student Writing Prompt

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## ACTIVITY WAIVER, PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE, & REQUIRED SIGNATURE

In having a YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee membership and/or participating in YMCA programs, I agree to cooperate with others in supporting the YMCA mission, goals, and objectives and to abide by the policies and procedures set forth by the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee Board of Directors. I do hereby agree to hold free from any and all liability the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee, and its officers, employees, and members, and do hereby myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive, release, and forever discharge any and all claims for damages which I may incur, or which hereafter accrue to me, arising out of or connected with my participation in any of the activities of the YMCA. I understand that membership dues are non-refundable and membership privileges may not be transferred from one individual to another. I give my permission and consent to the use of any photographs, videotapes, or other media record of my participation at the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee for any lawful purpose, without compensation to me or on my behalf. If I choose not to be photographed, videotaped, or in other recorded media, it is my responsibility to inform the photographer and/or remove myself from the picture.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## HEALTHCARE INFORMATION

Name of Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have health insurance?    Yes                      No

If yes, Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy/Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/ dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_                      Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Northside YMCA  
 1350 West North Avenue  
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53205  
 Attention: Rayven Peterson

Telephone: (414) 374-9442 Fax: (414) 224-0151  
 www.ymcamke.org

### RECOMMENDATION FOR YMCA BLACK COLLEGE TOUR

#### TO THE APPLICANT:

Fill in your information below and then give to a teacher, mentor, pastor, counselor, or teen advisor that is not a relative.

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

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

#### TO THE EVALUATOR

The YMCA Black Achievers College Tour is a week long trip designed to primarily expose students to Historically Black Colleges & Universities, campus life, and academic/admission requirements for acceptance. During this trip students will be required to write daily journal entries to provide context for a final essay summarizing their overall tour experience and what they have learned. Students will share accommodations with up to three roommates, be responsible for their own personal belongings, and budget their own money for the duration of the trip. This evaluation is helpful in choosing among highly qualified candidates for the college tour. Please return to the student in a sealed envelope. Be sure to sign below.

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.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_