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Y ACHIEVERS

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ACHIEVERS PROGRAM APPLICATION

PROGRAM RUNS OCTOBER 2015 - JUNE 2016

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31ST



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| Unit Number: _____ | Date Received: ____/____/____ |
| Membership Type: _____ | Staff Name: _____ |
| Date Entered in Program: ____/____/____ | By: _____ |

2015-2016 Y Achievers Official Program Application

(Please complete all information to the best of your ability. No incomplete applications will be accepted)

New Achiever Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Birth Date ____/____/____ Gender Male Female

Street Address _____ Apt. # _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Home Phone _____

School _____

Emergency Contact Name and Number _____

Parent/Guardian Information

PARENT #1

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Email Address _____ Birth Date ____/____/____

Home Address (if different) _____

Employer _____ Work Phone _____

PARENT #2 (IF APPLICABLE)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Email Address _____ Birth Date ____/____/____

Home Address (if different) _____

Employer _____ Work Phone _____

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Race (please check one)

African-American Asian Hispanic/Latino Multiracial Native America Other

Household Income (please check one)

\$0-\$30k \$30k-\$50k \$50k-\$75k \$100-\$125k \$125k+

School Type (please check one)

Home School Parochial Private Public Other

QUESTION

Why do you want to become a member of the Y Achievers Program?



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STUDENT PROFILE

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

What out of school activities do you participate in?

| Activity | Days/Hours |
|----------|------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

GOALS

WHAT CAREER FIELDS ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

- Art Engineering Communications Business/Finance Non-Profit/Youth Work
 Law /Government Health/Medical Education Other _____

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION?

- Two Year College Military Service Four Year College/University
 Technical School Other _____

WHAT TYPES OF WORKSHOPS WOULD INTEREST YOU?

- Financial Aid Career Opportunities Scholarships College Admissions Leadership Skills
 Networking Debt and Personal Finances College Life Other _____

I verify that the information given is accurate and current. I have read the Achiever's Code of Conduct, Waiver and Release of Liability.

Student Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

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ACHIEVERS PROGRAM MISSION AND STRATEGIC GOAL

The Summit YMCA Achievers Program is committed to motivating youth by giving them support, direction and opportunities to determine, pursue and achieve their personal, academic and career goals. Our strategic goal is to positively uplift our student Achievers by helping them reach their goals through academic support, career exploration, and mentoring; through productive collaborations with their parents/guardians, corporations, businesses, residents and Y staff within the Association's service area and beyond.

ACHIEVERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

The YMCA is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all members and guests. To promote safety and comfort for all, all individuals are asked to act appropriately at all times when in our facility or participating in our programs. We expect persons using the YMCA to act maturely, to behave responsibly, and to respect the rights and dignity of others. Our Achievers' Code of Conduct outlines prohibited action, but the actions listed below are not an all-inclusive list of behaviors considered inappropriate in our facilities or programs.

- Using or possessing alcohol or illegal chemicals on YMCA property, in YMCA vehicles, or at YMCA-sponsored programs.
- Smoking on YMCA property - the YMCA and its property are smoke-free environments.
- Carrying or concealing a weapon or any device or object that may be used as a weapon.
- Harassment or intimidation by words, gestures, body language, or any type of menacing behavior.
- Physical contact with another person in an angry, aggressive, or threatening way.
- Verbally abusive behavior, including angry or vulgar language, swearing, name-calling, or shouting.
- Sexually explicit conversation or behavior; any sexual contact with another person.
- Inappropriate, immodest, or sexually revealing attire.
- Theft or behavior that results in the destruction or loss of property.
- Loitering within or on the grounds of the YMCA.
- Children under the age of 13 must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times, as well as they are prohibited from entering the fitness center area.

In addition, The YMCA reserves the right to deny access or membership to any person who has been accused or convicted of any crime involving sexual abuse, is or has been a registered sex offender, has ever been convicted of any offense relating to the use, sale, possession, or transportation of narcotics or habit forming and/or dangerous drugs, or is presently or habitually under the influence of dangerous drugs or chemicals, narcotics, or intoxicating beverages. Achievers are encouraged to take responsibility for their personal comfort and safety by asking any person whose behavior threatens their comfort to refrain from such behavior. Anyone who feels uncomfortable in confronting a person directly should report the behavior to a staff person on duty. YMCA staff members are eager to be of assistance. Achievers should not hesitate to notify a staff member if assistance is needed.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of gaining membership or being allowed to participate in the activities and programs of the YMCA and to use its facilities, equipment, and machinery in addition to the payment of any fee or charge, I do hereby waive, release and forever discharge the YMCA and its officers, agents, employees, representatives, executors, and all others from any and all responsibilities or liability for injuries or damages resulting from my participation in any activities or my use of equipment or machinery in the above mentioned facilities or arising out of my participation in any activities at said facilities. I do hereby release all of those mentioned and any others acting upon their behalf from any responsibility or liability for any injury or damage to myself, including those caused by the negligent act or omission of any of those mentioned or others, acting on their behalf or in any way arising out of or connected with my participation in any activities of the YMCA or the use of any equipment at the YMCA. I agree to the Code of Conduct and all policies set by the YMCA.

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WHAT IS Y ACHIEVERS?

The Y Achievers program is an academic achievement/career development initiative purposed to help teens set and pursue high educational and career goals, resulting in graduation and acceptance to an institution of higher learning. At the Summit YMCA, Y Achievers expands on this goal by providing developmentally based mentorship and workshop activities designed to give 8th-12th grade students the tools they need to succeed in college and beyond.

The Y Achievers Program is founded on five programmatic thrusts:

- Career Exploration
- College Readiness
- Leadership Development
- Personal (Character) Development
- Community Investment

WHY SHOULD I BECOME A Y ACHIEVER?

As a Y Achiever, you realize your full potential, and the Y Achievers program will support you and provide you with the tools necessary to reach your goals and become successful in your collegiate pursuits and beyond.

Benefits of participating in the Y Achievers program include:

- A free full one-year membership to the YMCA*
- Access to scholarship opportunities
- The opportunity to meet and build relationships with peers throughout our area
- Service learning/community service opportunities.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM COMPONENTS INCLUDE:

CORPORATE MENTORING: Students spend a week at Novartis Pharmaceuticals learning about different aspects of working in a corporation, shadowing mentors and learning from professionals about how they achieved success in their careers.. It's a great, almost real-life experience for the students. We are always seeking new corporations to approach for this type of professional "shadowing."

CAREER CLUSTERS AND CAREER PLANNING: This program will give students a real-life view of the choices available to them and will maximize their exposure to career choices they may not have previously considered by exposing them to professionals who talk about their career path, why they were drawn to that choice, steps taken to arrive there, and what is actually involved in doing that job.

ANNUAL COLLEGE TOUR: The annual tour of colleges has been a staple of the Achievers program since its inception. At each school visited the students get a special guided tour from a current college student who answers questions on every conceivable topic ranging from how to apply for financial aid and where to find scholarships, to what it is like living away from home is like and more!

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: Weekly College Prep Workshops, Let's Get Ready SAT Prep Savings Club, Teen Advisory Board and Latino Leadership Institute

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