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# Y ACHIEVERS OFFICIAL PROGRAM APPLICATION

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

## Participant 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive text reminders regarding meeting events, cancellations, and reminders.  Yes  No

## 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**

<b>EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</b> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**ACHIEVERS PLEDGE**

Being involved with Achievers is a privilege and a serious obligation.

You are expected to live up to the expectations of the program, which are as follows:

- Be responsible for checking all Achievers communications and communicating directly with facilitators.
- Attend all Achievers meetings. If student must be absent, they are expected to notify the Achievers facilitator at least 5 hours prior to meeting start. Please note that students who miss 3 or more meetings are subject to having their Achiever's membership revoked. All decisions are made at the discretion of the Youth & Teen Director.
- Arrive on time to all Achievers meetings and events. Any student who arrives more than 15 minutes late will be asked to leave.
- Participate in Achievers' fundraisers and events.
- Respect each member of the Summit Area YMCA community, including fellow Achievers, YMCA staffers and program facilitators.

I verify that the information given is accurate and current.

I have read the Achiever's Pledge, 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

**\* PLEASE VISIT THE MEMBER SERVICE DESK FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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