



APPLICATION FOR THE BLACK MALE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

About the BMLA: Black Male Leadership Academy

Roosevelt University, through the St. Clair Drake Center for African and African American Studies, launched the Black Male Leadership Academy program in the summer of 2014 through the generous support of Robert and Rose Johnson. Mr. Johnson is a Roosevelt graduate and first African-American executive at Sears Roebuck and Company.

The students selected for this experience will include 15 rising high school sophomores and 15 rising high school juniors. The BMLA has two components: the Summer Institute and Second Saturdays. The Summer Institute provides a week-long experience from July 6-12, 2019, for 30 African American males to live on Roosevelt's downtown Chicago Campus. Second Saturdays will provide graduates of the Summer Institute with a wide range of college-readiness experiences.

The Summer Institute will focus on developing intellectual, personal and leadership skills and enhancing students' exposure to university life. Students will spend time inside the classroom as well as in the community. Each day during the institute, students will attend classes, participate in leadership development activities, and create connections with community leaders.

During the school year, graduates of the Summer Institute will attend a once a month meeting called Second Saturdays, which takes place the second Saturday of each month from September 2019 through May 2020. The purpose of Second Saturdays is to continue a connection with the BMLA students and enhance their awareness of and preparation for college. These half-day sessions will be devoted to tutoring, mentoring, field trips and guest speakers. Topics and activities will include career development, mentoring, applying to college, financial aid, ACT preparation, and tutoring.

If you meet the following criteria, we encourage you to apply:

- You will be a high school sophomore or junior in the fall of 2019.
- You have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 out of 4.0 or higher.
- You have at least a 90% attendance rate at your high school.
- You can commit to attending an overnight program for one week over the summer and attending meetings once a month at the downtown Chicago Campus of Roosevelt University.
- You plan to attend college after you graduate from high school.
- You are interested in learning about a variety of topics while having fun, meeting new people, and enhancing your leadership skills.

There is no cost for participation in the program, thanks to the generosity of Robert and Rose Johnson. For more information about the Black Male Leadership Academy, please contact:

Mr. Kenneth Rogers, BMLA Program Coordinator and Administrative Director
Roosevelt University, krogers12@roosevelt.edu, 312-341- 3864
Joshua Hicks, BMLA Assistant Director Roosevelt University,
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About Roosevelt University

Reflecting the ideals of its founders in 1945, Roosevelt University is a private, nonsectarian community of educators, scholars, and learners committed to academic, creative, and service excellence who value differences in personal experiences and perspectives; ask the difficult questions; and promote mutual understanding, inclusion, social consciousness, and action toward social justice. Recognizing that difference broadens perspectives, Roosevelt University seeks and serves a diverse, promising student body from metropolitan Chicago and around the world.

The hallmarks of the Roosevelt University experience are strong student-faculty interaction and engagement with metropolitan Chicago as both a laboratory for learning and as an expression of its commitment to social justice. The experience is created through the efforts of a strong faculty dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, and creative activity and a staff equally focused on helping students grow and achieve their educational and life goals.

Roosevelt is a metropolitan university that is an active partner in the social, economic and cultural development of the communities it serves. It offers a broad array of academic programs, from the baccalaureate through doctoral levels, in a highly interactive environment where students can explore, discover, and develop their unique abilities and interests.

BMLA Summer Institute Schedule

Each day of the Summer Institute will feature different topics and activities. Below is a sample schedule for each day:

7:30-9 a.m. – Breakfast

Students will eat in the dining center inside the university's 32-story Wabash Building. The Wabash Building is the second tallest university building in the United States and features student housing on the top 17 floors. Summer Institute participants will stay in the Wabash Building during the week.

9 a.m.-12 p.m. – Class time

Class topics will range from African-American studies to college readiness.

12-1 p.m. – Lunch

1-4 p.m. – City excursions

Trips off campus will range from visits to museums to Chicago White Sox home game.

4-5:30 p.m. – Dinner and free time

Students will use this time to prepare for class the next day.

6-9 p.m. – Evening activities

Events will include leadership training, movies, and open gym time in the university's Goodman Center, the only university athletic facility in downtown Chicago.

9-11 p.m. – Free time

Students will have time to work on projects, relax, and enjoy the residence hall experience.

11 p.m. – Curfew and lights out

Black Male Leadership Academy Application Instructions

All applications and recommendations must be received by May 17st, 2019. The BLMA application has two important, sections:

1. Student Application & Essay

Please complete the application form and make sure you and a parent/or guardian provide your printed names, signatures and dates. Then, attach your responses to the following essay topic:

Briefly discuss one of your future goals, why you picked that goal to discuss, what you think are the major obstacles to completing your goal, and how you plan on achieving that goal.

Your response should be between 350 to 500 words, typed and double-spaced.

2. Teacher/Staff Recommendation

Ask a teacher or high school staff member to complete the recommendation form and return the form to Roosevelt University.

Submit your application and essay by May 17^h, 2019 to:

Mr. Kenneth Rogers, BMLA Program Coordinator and Administrative Director, Roosevelt University
Mr. Joshua Hicks, BMLA Assistant Director, Roosevelt University
Roosevelt University
430 S. Michigan Ave., Room AUD 486
Chicago, IL 60605

Incomplete applications and applications received after this date will not be considered. Applications will be reviewed during the month of April. Applicants will be contacted during the week of May 21st, 2019, to set up a brief interview. The selection committee will notify applicants of their decision during the week of May 28th, 2019.



STUDENT APPLICATION FOR THE BLACK MALE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Student/Parent Information

Please print all information

Student's last name

Student's first name

Street address

Unit/Apartment #

City

State

ZIP

Home /cell phone

Student's email address

Birthdate (DD/MM/YY)

Anticipated high school graduation year

High school

Cumulative GPA

Name and title of person completing teacher/staff recommendation form

Signature of student

Date

Name(s) of parent/guardian

Parent/guardian phone

Parent/guardian email address

Signature(s) of parent/guardian

Date

Student Essay Question

Please attach your response to the following essay topic. Your essay should be between 350 and 500 words, typed and double-spaced:

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TEACHER/STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE BLACK MALE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

To the student:

Please provide this form to a teacher or a high school staff member.

To the teacher/staff member:

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There are two components to the BMLA: the Summer Institute and Second Saturdays. The BMLA is seeking rising African-American male sophomores and juniors who demonstrate academic ability, academic potential and leadership characteristics. On the reverse side of this form or in an attached letter, please briefly describe why you think the student applying to the Roosevelt University Black Male Leadership Academy (BMLA) would make a strong candidate for the program.

Once you have completed your recommendation, please email or mail it to:

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Mr. Kenneth Rogers, BMLA Program Coordinator and Administrative Director, Roosevelt University
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If you have questions, please contact Mr. Rogers at 312-341-3864 or krogers12@roosevelt.edu

Student applications and recommendations are due by May 17th, 2019. Thank you for your support and feedback!

Student's name

Your name

Title/position

Email

Daytime phone

Signature

Date