



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE TOUR

Students between the ages of 13-18 are encouraged to apply. Participation in parent meetings required before the 7 day/6 night spring break tour through Florida and Georgia.

11 Colleges/Universities

Clark Atlanta University
Florida State University
Georgia Tech University
Georgia State
Savannah College of Art & Design (Atlanta)
Morehouse College
Spelman College
Santa Fe College
University of Central Florida
University of Florida
University of North Florida

Career & Service Day

February 18, 2019
(No school Presidents Day)

Parent Meetings 6pm- 7:30pm

Thursday, February 7
Thursday, March 14

7 Day/6 Night YMCA College Tour

Includes all travel accommodations & most meals.

\$450 Y Members

\$525 Non-Members

payment plans available.



L.A. Lee YMCA Family Center
408 NW 14 Terrace
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311

Maria Villavicencio
954 334 9622 x 1043
mvillavicencio@ymcasouthflorida.org



YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA

2019 COLLEGE TOUR

FACT SHEET - KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

WHO WE ARE

The Y College Tour is an affiliate of the Y LEAD Program of the YMCA of South Florida. The Y College Tour (YCT) introduces youth ages 13-18 to post secondary education options, career pathways and educational workshops.

BENEFITS

Participants will:

- Learn about post-secondary education options and career pathways.
- Financial Literacy, Budgeting, Saving for College
- Write and polish resumes, scholarship and college applications.
- Develop an awareness and participate in discussions of the challenges and opportunities in the community by examining major relevant business, government and social issues.

TUITION & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- The Y College Tour is
 - \$450 for Y Members,
 - \$525 for Non-Y Members.
- Partial scholarship are offered based on availability and need. Determined by the Y selection committee. Note: Cash, money order and credit cards are accepted
- Full/Final payment due by the final March Parent/Student meeting.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Y College Tour seeks candidates who:

- Demonstrate leadership attributes.
- Value continuous learning and personal and professional development.
- Reside in Broward, Miami-Dade, or Palm Beach County.

APPLICATION PACKET CHECK LIST

- Part I: Personal Information/Registration Form
- Part II: Health & Liability Form with copy of Insurance Card
- Part III: Commitment to Y College Tour signed by both you and your parent/guardian.
- Part: IV 300-500 words or less Personal Statement.
Prompt: How is becoming a YCT Student going to help you pursue your dreams, career, or future lifestyle?

NOTE: A resume may not be used as a substitute for completing this application.

SCHEDULE & IMPORTANT DATES

All MEETINGS LOCATION

L.A. LEE YMCA FAMILY CENTER
408 NW 14 Terrace
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

MANDATORY PARENT & STUDENT MEETINGS

All meetings are 6:00pm -7:30pm

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Y CAREER/SERVICE DAY

Student Only - Full days 8:30am-5:00pm

Monday, February 18, 2019

Y COLLEGE TOUR MARCH 22 - 28, 2019

Florida & Georgia Edition 11 Colleges/Universities

Clark Atlanta University

Florida State University

Georgia Tech University

Georgia State

Savannah College of Art & Design (Atlanta)

Morehouse College

Spelman College

Santa Fe College

University of Central Florida

University of Florida

University of North Florida

Tour is departing from L.A. Lee YMCA in the early morning Friday, March 22, 2019.

PROGRAM COMMITMENT

- Give the time necessary to complete the program.
- Participation in college tours, and a minimum of 15 service hours with the Y.
- Maintain a personal commitment to the Y before, during and after the Y College Tour.
- Attendance at all Parent/Student meetings and **MUST** Mandatory March meeting.

Meet the 2018-2019 Y College Tour Chaperones at the Parent Meetings.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

MariaJose Villavicencio,
Y College Tour Program Director
954 334 9622 ext. 1043

mwillavicencio@ymcasouthflorida.org

www.ycollegetour.org



YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA

2019 COLLEGE TOUR

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

1. Who is in charge of the tour, to handle emergencies?

Program Director, Maria Villavicencio – 850 980 0044

2. What is the chaperone selection, screening and ratio?

All chaperones are Y staff who have a strong presence and relate well to young people. There is a maximum 1:10 ratio. All Y staff are fingerprinted and have undergone a level II criminal background check by the YMCA of South Florida.

3. What is the dress attire?

See Y College Tour Dress Code. Please maintain good personal hygiene- at all times. Daily showers are encouraged while away.

4. How often do we eat? Do I need to pay for any meals?

YCT meals are 3 times/day. Continental breakfast at the hotel or by the Y. Most lunches will be on a college campus. Please review tour agenda prior to trip. Students are responsible for a 6-8 meals. Lunch is provided on Career Days.

5. While on the YCT how much money will I need to bring?

\$100 to cover snacks, lunch/dinner. Additional shopping & souvenirs are strictly at your comfort level.

6. What are the YCT lodging accommodations?

The YCT lodging partner is Marriott. Students are assigned 4 to a room. Male and Females will sleep on separate hotel floors. Age and grade levels will be taken into consideration. Students will be allowed to select one roommate.

7. Can I change room assignments if I think my assigned roommates won't work?

If absolutely necessary, room assignments, may change, please email request in writing to the Program Director.

8. How many luggage's can I bring?

Students are allowed one luggage to go under the bus, the provided book bag and one personal item on the bus.

9. Can I go swimming in the hotel pool?

Yes, however free time is limited and permission must be granted. A Y chaperone must be present.

10. Can I bring my video game?

Yes. But at your own risk. The YMCA is not responsible for any personal items that may be lost or stolen. Hand-held video games cannot be brought onto college campuses, restaurants or cultural outings.

11. Can I bring my cell phone?

Yes, however, while on college campuses & during tours, student phones are expected to be turned off and out of sight.

12. Are there any curfews?

Yes, on average 11:00pm. Students must be in their room with their assigned roommates only. Doors will be taped at curfew by chaperones. The tape is only allowed to be removed by a chaperone. Tape is removed every morning during wake up calls.

13. What happens if I leave my room after the curfew?

Any student who is caught leaving their room after curfew will be sent home. Parents will be contacted immediately to make arrangements for the following day at the parents' expense. If for any reason a student must leave their room after curfew, they must contact their tour chaperone first and receive approval prior to exiting the room.

14. Can I visit the rooms of participants of the opposite sex?

No, however, students of the opposite sex are allowed to mingle in common areas under chaperone supervision.

15. If I get hungry, can I order food from the hotel?

Yes, however please notify your chaperone to assist you before ordering to prevent multiple orders to the same restaurant.

16. What happens if I remove or break any items in the hotel?

Students are responsible for any broken items or removed/stolen items from their hotel room

17. Can I call home using the hotel phone in my room?

No. If you do not have a cell phone, students are encouraged use your chaperones phone for outbound calls.

18. Can friends or relatives from the area visit me on campus or at the hotel?

Parents must notify the Program Director PRIOR to the trip. The YCT schedule is released in advance, giving adequate time to schedule or make the request.

19. Can I visit a friend or relative living in the area?

For the safety and accountability of our group, students will not be allowed to visit others in the area.

20. What if I don't want to attend one of the activities?

Unless ill, the entire group stays together, attending all activities.

21. What's the purpose of the journal?

The YCT Journal is a tool to help you navigate your goals and dreams while on the tour.

22. What should I know to help me have a safe trip?

Never leave the group during tours. Follow all rules and policies for the tour. Report any incidents that might jeopardize anyone in the tour group to the chaperone immediately.



YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA

2019 Y COLLEGE TOUR

PERSONAL INFORMATION/REGISTRATION FORM

PART I

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY IN PEN

Student First Name	Student Last Name	Grade
School Name	Birth Date	Age
I identify my ethnicity as: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		Male Female Transgender: MTF FTM Non-binary/Gender non-conforming

Student Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip

Student E-mail Address (important! please write clearly)		
Cell #	Home #	Shirt Size – Circle S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Main Parent/ Guardian	Relationship	
Address different than above? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, see below.		
City	State	Zip

Are you the first to go to College/University in your family? (First Generation Student) NO YES

Do you speak any other language? NO YES: _____

Have you ever left the state of Florida before? NO YES

Have you been on the Y College Tour Before? NO YES, this will by my 1 2 3 4 time

Do you play any sports? NO YES: _____

- Field of Interest – Career Interests?**
- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment/Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Communications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation/Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business/ Entrepreneurship | <input type="checkbox"/> Government/Police/Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Social Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Care and Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Culinary | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal/Law/Attorney/Judge | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor/Physician | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance & Repair | <input type="checkbox"/> Other/ or explain type: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Management | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | |



YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA

2019 Y COLLEGE TOUR

PROGRAM LIABILITY & HEALTH WAIVER

PART II

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY IN PEN

Student Name:	School:	Grade/Age:
Home Address:	City:	State/Zip:

In the event of illness or accident, who should we notify? Please complete in detail below if participant is under 18.

Parent/ Guardian #1:	Relationship:	Phone:
Employer:	Work Phone:	Email:

Parent/ Guardian #2:	Relationship:	Phone:
Employer:	Work Phone:	Email:

Emergency Contact:	Relationship:	Phone:
Employer:	Work Phone:	Email:

Medical Insurance Provider: If none, please write N/A	Policy #: If none, please write N/A
Special Restrictions or Concerns: If none, please write N/A	Allergies: If none, please write N/A
Medications Taken During Event: If none, please write N/A	Food: Please share if you are: <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Pescatarian <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

PROGRAM LIABILITY & HEALTH WAIVER:

I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the YMCA of South Florida to order x-rays, routine tests and treatment for the health of the participant named above and in the case I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the physician selected by the YMCA to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injections and/or anesthesia and/or surgery for the participant named above. I understand that the YMCA has only secondary insurance coverage and that my personal insurance being the primary responsibility in case of accident.

The undersigned expressly recognizes that the YMCA is a nonprofit organization sponsoring these activities. Further, the undersigned does hereby expressly acknowledge that the activities involve risks, and the undersigned does hereby voluntarily assume any and all risks such as injury to my person and property which may occur from my participation in these activities, including such injuries caused by negligence of YMCA and its servants, agents and employees. Further, in consideration of the lower cost involved in participating in YMCA sponsored non-profit activities, I hereby voluntarily release YMCA and its servants, agents and employees from any and all claims and causes of action whatsoever which heirs, assigned or successors may have against any of them by reason of my participation in these activities, include such claims against the YMCA and its servants, agents and employees caused by their own negligence.

I release the YMCA, its officers and representatives of all liabilities arising from this program. I agree to pay all fees prior to participation in the program.

I give permission for the participant named above to participate in activities and field trips. In the event that my child is found in violation of the Y College Tour Rules, I understand that I will be responsible for the costs of transporting my child home from the location of the activities. I agree to come to the activity location to pick-up my child.

I give permission for the YMCA to use any photographs or video taken of my child for future promotion purposes.

I acknowledge that the information provided above is complete and accurate, and any additional changes can only be authorized by the signee designated below.

Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
-----------------------------------	--------------



YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA
2019 Y COLLEGE TOUR
STUDENTS AND PARENT COMMITMENT FORM
PART III

I, _____, the student, pledge to

- Take ownership of my personal college/career goals before, during and after the Y College Tour.
- Share with my parent/guardian, program director, and chaperone my college/career plans and seek support, advice and guidance to ensure I accomplish my goals and dreams.
- Show respect for myself, my parents, my peers and chaperones by adhering to the policies and expectations as outlined.
- Demonstrate a positive attitude, remain actively engaged and seek information during tours, career days and workshops that will assist me in my future.
- While away on the Y College Tour I will not exit my room after the curfew has been imposed.
- Uphold the Y's character values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.
- I understand that violation of the above policies will result in my dismissal from the program and immediate return home at my parent/guardian's expense.

I, _____, the parent/guardian of the student above pledge to

- Stay involved with my child's prospecting/application process by asking questions and providing guidance to the best of my ability.
- Uphold the Y's character values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.
- Discuss with my child the guidelines and behavior expectations as outlined prior to the tour. I acknowledge that for the safety of all participants if my child exits his/her room after the curfew has been imposed that I will have to make arrangements for my child to return home via the mode of transportation of my choosing (car, plane, train, bus) at my personal expense.

My signature below confirms that I have read the above commitment as well as all other forms to it's entirety.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date



YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA

2019 Y COLLEGE TOUR

STUDENTS PERSONAL STATEMENT

PART VI

We are excited that you are interested in the YMCA of South Florida College Tour. In this part of the application process, we would like for you to tell us about yourself with a short personal statement. Please respond to the following prompt.

How is becoming a YCT Student going to help you pursue your dreams, career, or future lifestyle?

Make it personal. We want to know about you, your life path... Where you have been and where are you going? What you have overcome and what are your dreams for the future?

Not too short. Not too long. Please make your statement between 300-500 words. Applicants Personal Statements below 300 words will not be accepted.

Show us your best writing. Take your time and get feedback. Edit and rewrite as much as you like before submitting your completed application.

All applications will be reviewed by the Y College Tour Selection Committee, composed of Y volunteers and staff that uphold the YMCA values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

All personal statements must be typed, double spaced and in 12 point font.

Completed application, copy of health insurance card, typed personal statement

Cash, Money Order, checks and credit cards are accepted. Checks and money orders must be made payable to L.A. Lee YMCA Family Center.

Payments made be made over the phone prior to deadline by calling 954 334 9622 x 1043.

Option 1: Emailed to: mvillavicencio@ymcasouthflorida.org
Email Subject: Y College Tour Application: Firstname Lastname

Option 2: Dropped off at the
L.A. Lee YMCA Family Center
408 NW 14 Terrace
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Applicants will be informed by/before final parent meeting.