



# YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA

# 2020 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 14-18 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.
- Tour colleges of various sizes and types of institutions, as well as college/campus life.
- Engagement with Community Partners and Service Projects.

### TUITION & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- The Y College Tour is
  - \$350 for Y Members,
  - \$375 for Non-Y Members.
- Partial scholarship are offered based on availability and need. Determined by the Y selection committee. Additional paperwork required.
- Cash, money order, checks and credit cards are accepted
- Full/Final payment due by the final March Parent/Student meeting.
- Fundraising opportunities – ask program director for details
- Minimum \$50 deposit required after acceptance
- No refunds after January 9, 2020.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Y College Tour Selection Committee is a small group of Y staff that uphold the YMCA values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. The 2019-2020 program will accept 40-45 participants for the 7 month program.

- Applications are due by Monday, October, 21 by 7pm with a \$10 non-refundable application fee.**
- 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:  
Discuss an accomplishment or event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.

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

#### OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 3, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

#### Application Deadline

Monday, October 21, by 7:00pm.

#### MANDATORY PARENT & STUDENT MEETINGS

**All meetings are 6:00pm – 7:30pm**

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Thursday, December 5, 2019

Thursday, January 9, 2020-

Thursday, February 6, 2020– FINAL PAYMENT DUE!

Thursday, March 12, 2020

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

January 20, 2020 8:00am-2:00pm

#### COLLEGE/CAREER PREP DAYS

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

Friday, October 18, 2019

Tuesday, November 11, 2019

Monday, February 17, 2020\*–Local College Tour

#### Y COLLEGE TOUR MARCH 23 – 27, 2020

South Florida College Tour

#### 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 Mandatory Parent/Student meetings.

**Meet the 2019-2020 Y College Tour Chaperones at the Parent Meetings.**

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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Y College Tour Program Director  
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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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**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, days at the Y will have plenty of bathroom time.

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

YCT program days include snacks and all lunches. Most lunches will be on a college campus. Please review tour agenda prior to trip. Students may be responsible for a late day meal. Lunch is provided on Career Days.

**5. During YCT week how much money will I need to bring?**

\$50 to cover snacks, a dinner. Additional shopping & souvenirs are strictly at your comfort level.

**6. What are the YCT lodging accommodations?**

This year YCT is staying local, no need for hotel accommodations but may look at a lock in at one of our South Florida YMCA's. Should that be the case, Male and Females will sleep on separate rooms. Age and grade levels will also be taken into consideration.

**7. What can I bring?**

Students are allowed the provided book bag and one personal item on the bus.

**8. Can I go swimming at the Y pool?**

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

**9. 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.

**10. 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. How long are program dates?**

Career Days begin at 8:30am until 5:00pm. The College Tour Week will begin at 8am and end various times in the evening depending on tour/programming.

**13. Can friends or relatives from the area visit me on campus or at the Y?**

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.

**14. 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.

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

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

**16. 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.

**17. 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.



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### STUDENT INFORMATION/REGISTRATION FORM

#### PART I

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY IN PEN

<b>Student First Name</b>	<b>Student Last Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>
<b>School Name</b>	<b>Birth Date: Month / Day / Year</b>	<b>Age</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> I am <u>NOT</u> a YMCA Member <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><input type="checkbox"/> I am YMCA Member, my Family Center/Program site is:</span>		
<b>I identify my ethnicity as:</b> <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
<b>Student Mailing Address</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>
<b>Student E-mail Address</b> (Required- please write clearly)		
<b>Student Cell #</b>	<b>Home #</b>	<b>Shirt Size – Circle</b> S   M   L   XL   2XL   3XL
<b>Primary Parent/ Guardian</b>		<b>Relationship</b>
Address different than above? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, see below.		
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>

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 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?**
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|---|---|---|
| <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 & 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:<br>_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Management               |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering                | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing            |   |

Is there a specific college/university you are most interested in visiting while on this tour? Which? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in leading/planning a College visit?    NO    YES, this one: \_\_\_\_\_    Doesn't matter

Is there a college/university not on schedule that you would like to visit while we are in the area? \_\_\_\_\_



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### PROGRAM LIABILITY & HEALTH WAIVER

#### PART II

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY IN PEN

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

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

<b>Parent/ Guardian #1:</b>	<b>Relationship:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Employer:</b>	<b>Work Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>

<b>Parent/ Guardian #2:</b>	<b>Relationship:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Employer:</b>	<b>Work Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>

<b>Emergency Contact:</b>	<b>Relationship:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Employer:</b>	<b>Work Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>

<b>Medical Insurance Provider:</b> If none, please write N/A	<b>Policy #:</b> If none, please write N/A- copy of insurance card required.
<b>Special Restrictions or Concerns:</b> If none, please write N/A	<b>Allergies:</b> Please include food allergies! If none, please write N/A
<b>Medications Taken During Event:</b> If none, please write N/A	<b>Food:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Pescatarian <input type="checkbox"/> Do not eat Pork <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.

<b>Parent/Guardian Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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**STUDENTS AND PARENT PLEDGE**  
**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.
- Complete 15 service hours with a YMCA including the mandatory January 20, 2020 event.
- I will attend and participate in all College Tour Program days outlined in the application/program.
- 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

- Attend the parent meetings with my child once a month leading to the tour.
- 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 each program day and tour. I acknowledge that for the safety of all participants if my child breaks YMCA policy, 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**



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### 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.

**Discuss an accomplishment or event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.**

**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.

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#### **Completed application and copy of health insurance card**

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](mailto: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.