

# 2011-12 YMCA Black Achievers Tentative Sessions Schedule

July 23.....	Pre-registration @ North Lexington Y from 12-3pm
August 27.....	Session 1 "Orientation for students, parents, and volunteers"
September 10.....	Session 2
September 24.....	Session 3
Sunday, October 2.....	National College Fair in Cincinnati, OH 1-4 p.m.
October 7-9.....	Midwestern Region Teen Summit in Cincinnati, OH
October 13-14.....	Fayette County Schools Fall Break
October 22.....	Session 4 "College & Career Fair" and Senior Cluster Scholarship Informational (mandatory for seniors and their parents)
November 12.....	Session 5 "Asbury University Day"
December 10.....	YMCA Reindeer Ramble
December 17.....	Session 6
January 14.....	Session 7
January 16.....	MLK Day
January 21.....	Possible make-up session
January 28.....	Session 8
February 4.....	Possible make-up session
February 11.....	Session 9 Senior Packets Due & "Winter Ball" @ TBA
February 25.....	Session 10 "Arts & Culture Day" & Essay Contest
March 10.....	Session 11: LULYP "LIFT Conference" @ TBA
March 17.....	Possible make-up session
March 24.....	Session 12 "Youth Recognition" @ TBA
April 2-6.....	FCPS Spring Break (College Tours)
April 28.....	27th Annual Awards Ceremony @ TBA

**NOTE: All sessions are held at Lexington Traditional Magnet School from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. unless otherwise noted**

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**Possible make-up sessions only after two are cancelled due to weather. We will also schedule college visits and other activities for a limited amount of students.**



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## YMCA BLACK ACHIEVERS PROGRAM

The YMCA of Central Kentucky's Black Achievers Program **connects students with positive adult role models in the community**. The program offers activities designed to expose students (grades 7th-12th) to career, educational, and social opportunities that are not readily available to them. These opportunities enable students to make informed decisions and develop the skills necessary to compete successfully in life.

### THE MISSION

YMCA Black Achievers is **the catalyst that provides exposure** to present and future educational/career opportunities, instills positive social values, ignites students' thirst for knowledge, enables students to reach their full potential by creating opportunities for adults and the community to participate in their lives, and empowers families to assist students in reaching higher goals.



### PROGRAM GOALS

- To improve academic deficiencies and increase the percentage of students who graduate from high school.
- To help youth understand and evaluate their life options.
- To increase the developmental assets in youth.
- To establish meaningful, long-term relationships between program participants and positive adults within the community.

## Since 1985...

<b>Black Achievers:</b> .....	<b>8,000+</b>
<b>Adult Achievers:</b> .....	<b>1,200+</b>
<b>Scholarship Recipients:</b> .....	<b>900+</b>
<b>Total scholarship awards received by Black Achievers participants:</b> .....	<b>\$10 million</b>

## GRADE SPECIFIC CLUSTERS

**7th, 8th, and 9th Grades:** Focus on building life skills and knowledge to ensure a solid educational foundation while increasing self-esteem, developing interpersonal skills and mastering test-taking.

**12 grade:** Achieve excellence and prepare for the future by learning social etiquette skills, interviewing skills, resume/essay writing, and much more.

**Career Cluster options are available for 10th & 11th grades only.**

**Arts & Culture:** Learn the impact art has had on our culture by working with professionals in performance and visual arts.

**Business & Finance:** Develop a mock business, learn about the stock market, and visit local businesses while learning about industry.

**Communications:** Explore the world of broadcasting, media, news, etc. and develop the skills needed to be successful in the workplace.

**Computers:** Experience hands-on learning about the diverse career opportunities within the computer field.

**Education:** Discover the unique challenges and rewards of the teaching profession while exploring the career opportunities within the field of education.

**Engineering:** Perform amazing experiments while learning how the different types of engineers impact our world.

**Government, Service, and Law:** Learn the many professions that pertain to politics, social services and law enforcement.

**Medical:** Work with doctors, dentists, nurses, and other medical professionals as you learn about the healthcare profession.

**Parent Group:** Parents will retain information about their child's ILP, learn about their health and receive a plethora of information about their child's future.

**Program fee: \$45**  
**Payment options and financial assistance available.**

