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**YMCA Black/Latino
Achievers**

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YMCA Black/Latino Achievers

The YMCA Black/Latino Achievers program is a national college readiness program designed to help African-American and other teens of color to set and pursue high educational and career goals. Through academic support, career exploration and mentoring, YMCA Black/Latino Achiever programs help youth raise their academic standards, develop a positive sense of self, build character, explore diverse college and career options, and meet and interact with professionals of color who serve as role models to inspire them to greater heights.

How the Program Works

YMCA Black/Latino Achievers is built on the notion that community and corporate involvement are critical to building networks and opportunities for youth. To that end, the program Centers on the relationship established between volunteer mentors and youth during career clusters. Clusters are workshops dedicated to specific areas of professional interest. Youth participants and mentors, who are experts in their fields, complete projects that are designed to provide students an opportunity to explore their career interests through real-life application of skills. Career clusters include: Arts and Humanities, Business, Communications, Computers, Education, Engineering, Health and Medical, Law and Government, as well as Vocational and Technical disciplines.

Teens in YMCA Black/Latino Achievers programs are:

- Motivated to succeed in school and gain marketable skills
- Empowered to pursue advanced education
- Inspired to develop their talents and leadership abilities
- Exposed to the culture and expectations of the workplace
- Engaged in mentoring relationships

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Student must be in 10th-12th Grade
- Student must have a 3.0 GPA or Higher
- Student must be driven to succeed!

YMCA Black/Latino Achievers Goals

- Raise academic standards of youth of color
- Assist youth of color in gaining acceptance to institutions of higher learning
- Expose youth of color to diverse career options
- Provide minority adult role models to inspire youth of color to set and achieve personal and professional goals
- Help youth of color develop a positive sense of self
- Build character and develop positive assets in youth of color
- Create channels for continuing community involvement by business and industry



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