



The Schomburg Junior Scholars Program 2013-2014

APPLICATION FORM

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A SCHOMBURG EDUCATION PROGRAM

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The Schomburg Junior Scholars Program APPLICATION INFORMATION

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WHO WE ARE:

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WHAT WE DO:

We study black history and culture not taught in our schools. We empower ourselves with knowledge of our history, and create fresh images to deconstruct negative stereotypes through art and media projects. We learn to define ourselves. We participate in teen forums about local and national issues affecting youth. We connect current events in American Society with global issues impacting the African Diaspora. We advocate on behalf of youth through social activism projects. In short, we talk and write about what matters to us. We gain confidence and leadership skills by participating in college style lectures, by travelling to local museums and cultural institutions, and by producing art and media that impacts our community. We are the youth of today and we are leaders.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT US AT
WWW.SCHOMBURGCENTER.ORG/JUNIORSCHOLARS

Application Requirements:

Youth, ages 11-18, are welcomed to apply to the program. Applications are due no later than September 30, 2013. Youth admitted into the program will be notified by October 15, 2013. The following checklist outlines the paperwork required to process your application.

New Scholars CHECKLIST:

You are NEW to the program.

- General Application + Essay
- Nomination Form*
- Emergency Contact Form
- Release Form
- Interview*

Returning Scholars CHECKLIST:

You have PREVIOUSLY PARTICIPATED in the program.

- General Application + Essay
- Parent Evaluation Form
- Emergency Contact Form
- Release Form

** New scholars must be nominated by a parent, teacher or community member. New applicants are also required to attend an interview with Junior Scholars Program Staff. Interviews will be scheduled upon receipt of the completed application.*

RETURN APPLICATIONS BY MAIL OR DROP-OFF ONLY TO:

**The Junior Scholars Program
Schomburg Center/NYPL
515 Malcolm X Blvd, New York, NY 10037
[Entrance on the corner of Lenox Avenue & 135th Street]**

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The Schomburg Center Junior Scholars Program 2013-2014 PROGRAM CALENDAR

All Sessions are on Saturdays from 10am to 3pm.

Light Breakfast is served from 9 to 9:55 am. Lunch break is from 12 to 1 pm.

Session #	Month	Day	Notes
1	October	26	ORIENTATION
2	November	2	
3	November	9	
4	November	16	
5	November	23	
SKIP	November	30	No Session – Thanksgiving Holiday
6	December	7	
7	December	14	
8	December	21	
SKIP	December	28	No Session – Christmas/Kwanzaa Holidays
9	January	4	
10	January	11	
11	January	18	
12	January	25	
13	February	1	
14	February	8	
15	February	15	
SKIP	February	22	No Session – Mid-Winter Break (Feb. 17-21)
16	March	1	
17	March	8	
18	March	15	
19	March	22	
20	March	29	
21	April	5	
22	April	12	
SKIP	April	19	No Session – Spring Recess/ Easter Holiday (April 14–22)
23	April	26	
24	May	3	
25	May	10	YOUTH SUMMIT 2014 (Family Invited for Student Presentations)
26	May	17	Junior Scholars Retreat – Final Session



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GENERAL APPLICATION

FOR ALL APPLICANTS – New and Returning

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male Female (circle one)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

Student Cell Phone Number: _____

Student Email Address: _____

EDUCATION:

Grade: _____ (as of September 2013)

School Name: _____

Location (Borough or City): _____

Academic Average/G.P.A.: _____

What professional career would you like to pursue? Why?

What are your special interests, hobbies, or activities?

What subjects or topics in black history and culture would you like to know more about?

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Parent Cell Phone Number: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

NOMINATED BY: (See attached Nomination Form)

Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

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ESSAY QUESTION

REQUIRED FOR ALL APPLICANTS – NEW AND RETURNING

Please answer the following questions in a short essay format. (300-500 words)

Name: _____ Age: _____

Why do you wish to participate in the Schomburg Junior Scholars Program? What motivates you? What do you hope to experience? What will you contribute to the community of youth if you are admitted to the program? What issues do you wish to explore this year and why?



The Schomburg Center Junior Scholars Program 2013-2014 NOMINATION FORM

For New Applicant: _____

NOMINATED BY:

Name: _____

Relation/Affiliation: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please explain why you feel this young person is a strong candidate for the Junior Scholars Program.

PLEASE RETURN THIS NOMINATION FOR BY MAIL OR DROP-OFF TO:

The Junior Scholars Program
The Schomburg Center/NYPL
515 Malcolm X Blvd (at 135th Street)
New York, NY 10037



The Schomburg Center Junior Scholars Program 2012-2013 PARENT EVALUATION FORM

For **Returning** Applicant: _____

Junior Scholars participant for how many years? _____

EVALUATED BY:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please evaluate your child's participation in the Schomburg Center Junior Scholars Program in previous program years. How did the program benefit your child? Why do you wish your child to continue with the program this year?



**The Schomburg Center Junior Scholars Program 2013-2014
EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM**

Student Name: _____

Age: _____

Cell phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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Parent/Guardian: _____ **Relation:** _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Daytime/Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

In case of emergency, please contact:

②

Name: _____ **Relation:** _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

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Name: _____ **Relation:** _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____



**The Schomburg Center Junior Scholars Program 2013-2014
CONSENT FORM FOR TRIPS**

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian), hereby give consent for my child, _____ (Student's Name), to attend trips during the Junior Scholars Program term to enhance the educational initiatives of the program. I understand that program staff will provide me with advance information relative to the dates and locations of all trips.

Signature: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____



**The Schomburg Center Junior Scholars Program 2013-2014
RELEASE FORM**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING RELEASE CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW IF YOU AGREE TO THESE TERMS:

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Program Title: **THE SCHOMBURG CENTER JUNIOR SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

Dates of Program: **October 26, 2013 – May 17, 2014**

NAME OF PARTICIPANT (PRINT):

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:

ADDRESS:

DATE: _____

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