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The Schomburg Center Junior Scholars Program 2013-2014
APPLICATION FORM

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Who we are:
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What we do:
We study black history and culture not taught in schools. We empower ourselves with knowledge of our history, and create fresh images to deconstruct negative stereotypes through art and media projects. 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, traveling to local museums & cultural institutions, and producing an annual youth summit. We are leaders. Join us!

Program Description:
Now in its twelfth year, the Junior Scholars Program is a Saturday Institute that invites 100 youth from New York Metropolitan area, ages 11 to 18, to explore American and global history through the lens of the Schomburg Center’s collections. The Saturday sessions run from 10 am to 3 pm, and builds students core literacy, research, and critical-thinking skills; cultivates Scholars’ lifelong commitment to literacy and civic engagement; and prepares students for academic success in college as well as intellectual and entrepreneurial careers. The Program employs both inquiry-based and a project based approach to teaching.

Weekly, the Junior Scholars attend college-style lectures and presentations, engage in dialogue with adult scholars, participate in guided peer group discussions, generate individual research projects and portfolios, and create collaborative media arts projects that grow from their intensive study. Junior Scholars will expand their knowledge of who they are as intellectual, social, cultural and artistic beings, embrace their legacy as Afro-Diasporic citizens, and learn of the lands and cultures of their prolific and trailblazing ancestors. The program begins in late October 2013 and ends on May 2014 with the annual Youth Summit.
Youth, ages 11-18, are welcomed to apply to the program. Applications are due no later than September 30, 2013. The following checklist outlines the paperwork required to process your application. Youth admitted into the program will be notified by October 19, 2013.

New Applicant CHECKLIST
- General Application
- Essay (300-500 words)
- Nomination Form*
- Emergency Contact Form
- Release Form
- Interview (to be schedule upon receipt of application)

* 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.

The Schomburg Junior Scholars Program is made possible through the generous support of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy R. Barakett, Valentino D. Carlotti, the Estate of Gwendolyn Knight Lawrence, Speaker Christine C. Quinn, Council Member Inez Dickens, the New York City Council, and the Schomburg Society.
### 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.*

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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: ____________________________

Flip over for essay question
ESSAY QUESTION: Please answer the following questions in a short essay format. (300-500 words)

Why do you want to participate in the 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?
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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 2013-2014
EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

Student Name: ________________________________________________________________

Age: _______________________________________________________________________
Cell phone: __________________________________________________________________
Email Address: __________________________________________________________________

① Parent/Guardian: ___________________________________________ Relation: __________
Home Phone: __________________________________________________________________
Cell Phone: __________________________________________________________________
Daytime/Work Phone: __________________________________________________________________
Email Address: __________________________________________________________________

In case of emergency, please contact:

② Name: ___________________________________________ Relation: __________
Home Phone: __________________________________________________________________
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③ Name: ___________________________________________ Relation: __________
Home Phone: __________________________________________________________________
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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: ________________
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RELEASE FORM

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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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