



College Scholarship Fair

The Premier Student to Higher Education Event

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2011 INFORMATION PACKET

Saturday, October 15, 2011

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Forum at

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)

725 W. Roosevelt Rd. (at Halsted St.)

Chicago, IL 60608

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I. ABOUT THE 100 BLACK MEN OF CHICAGO, INC.

MISSION STATEMENT

To improve the quality of life and enhance educational opportunities for African American males throughout the Greater Chicago area.

VALUE STATEMENT

The 100 Black Men of Chicago, INC. is committed to the intellectual development of youth and the economic empowerment of the African American Community based on the following precepts: Respect for Family, Spirituality, Justice and Integrity.

VISION STATEMENT

The 100 Black Men of Chicago, INC. is the premier volunteer youth service organization, mentoring African-American males throughout the Greater Chicago area as we seek to serve as a beacon of leadership by utilizing our diverse talents to create environments where our children are motivated to achieve, and to empower our people to become self-sufficient shareholders in the economic and social fabric of the communities we serve.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc. was formed in November of 1994 and subsequently incorporated in December of 1995 by a group of men who shared a common goal of providing youth with educational and mentoring opportunities, with particular emphasis on young African American males. It is a prominent chapter of 100 Black Men of America, Inc., that includes 106 chapters in the United States and abroad.

We are comprised of a dynamic, diverse, and dedicated all-volunteer group of men who share a common desire to improve the chances of success for young people. Over the years, our members have touched the lives of thousands of young people and the broader community by establishing robust programs addressing four fundamental topics: Mentoring, Education, Health and Wellness, and Economic Development. A key objective of our outreach is closing the academic, health and financial achievement gap between African American youth and their peers.

Our members continue to serve as a strong force for overcoming cultural and financial obstacles that have limited the achievements of African-American youth, with a particular emphasis on young African-American males.

MENTORING

The 100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc. is comprised of African American men who were able to transverse the path from adolescence to adulthood to become educated, successful, professional men of color. Our members have both a unique insight into the challenges faced by young African American Males, and a desire to be accountable in our community. We serve as bridge to help African American teenage males span the canyon between adolescence and young adulthood. We use a “mentor-network” or “mentor-team” verses a “one-to-one” mentoring program. The team approach minimizes mentor/mentee compatibility problems, which could undermine the goals for both parties; also a team approach exposes the mentees to the diverse group of men, opinions, and points of view in our organization.

Members begin as volunteers, demonstrating a willingness to roll up their sleeves and work. The volunteer goes through a background check and a series of interviews before becoming a member. Members are trained

in “Mentoring the 100way®”, a patented training program developed by the National 100 Black Men of America after years of mentoring experiences. The mentoring calendar loosely follows the school year, with select school-based after-school programs, and from September to May, meeting weekly, and Saturday programs. We host multiple locations on the Southside and Westside, and suburbs to be convenient to both the mentors and mentees.

I. ABOUT THE 100 BLACK MEN OF CHICAGO, INC.

EDUCATION / SCHOLARSHIPS

Over the past several years, 100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc has invested considerable effort towards closing the achievement gap in academics between African American youth and their peers in other ethnic groups. A college prep initiative was launched to address the quality and quantity of information, resources, and tools made available to youth who aspire to go to college. Often these young people have the desire to pursue higher education, but lack the access to funding or college preparatory programs that would make them better candidates for college acceptance. Programs we have provided include free ACT/SAT practice exams, college campus visitation, and various workshops for students and parents from how to prepare for and fund a college education, how to have a successful college experience, understanding financial aid, and beyond.

In partnership with Revolution Prep test prep, since January 2008, we have facilitated test prep courses for over 1000s of students who traditionally never get such help. The beauty of this program is that Revolution Prep's premiere 12-week test prep program was made available to young people who otherwise could not afford it. An astounding achievement!

Our signature event is the college Scholarship Fair. Over the past eight years, this event has evolved into one of the premier events of its type in the Midwest with students from Chicago, surrounding suburbs, downstate Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Missouri. We bring together 200+ Colleges and Universities to interact with 5,000 – 6,000 students, their parents, teachers and community partners. Over the years, this event has yielded over **\$30 Million dollars in scholarships and thousands of college acceptances offered to participating students.**

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY CHALLENGE

The Heritage Bowl is an exclusive educational and scholarship program designed to enhance the study of African-American history. A local competition is held each year where participating schools select three students to be their representatives. Winners of the local Heritage Bowl competition receive awards from the 100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc. as well as an all expense paid trip to compete in a national competition where Chicago teams have won top honors five of the past nine years.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS SEMINARS

We provide access to information and medical services, which promote education and wellness within the African American Male community. Collaborating with Chicago area health professionals, medical institutions, associations, and State of Illinois Department of Health, we help host the annual “For Men Only Health Fair” held at Provident Hospital of Cook County, which services nearly 400 men each year. Participants receive free medical screenings such as eye exams, blood pressure, blood sugar, HIV Aids, and prostate testing. We also support the Prostrate Cancer Awareness Initiative at events such as the Thapelo Institute Health Fair. We are also proud to be a local champion of the national 50 Million Pound weight loss challenge headed by Dr Ian Smith. This program is targeted towards the African American communities’ struggle with obesity and promotes a healthier lifestyle. These are but a few of the many fairs, expos, and community health and wellness events we support each year.

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Each year, we conduct a Holiday Toy Drive. This event raises thousands of dollars in toys and donations. The funds are used to buy additional toys and personal necessities for women and children in homeless shelters and medical centers. Some of this year’s recipients included women’s shelters, community outreach centers, and community health centers such as Clara’s House, Ada S. McKinley, the Komed Health Center and others.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In partnership with Wal-Mart and Edward Jones, we have provided financial literacy education along with seminars devoted to teaching both young people and adults how to effectively build wealth and protect their assets. In August of 2008, we launched our first **Vocational Trade and Opportunity Fair**. This event focused on providing educational and job opportunities for young adults interested in pursuing a career in the trades. Fields included were culinary, technicians, cosmetology, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and many more.

II. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FAIR - MISSION STATEMENT

- To enhance the educational process and opportunity for students, throughout the Chicago Metropolitan area, through mentoring and providing access to resources designed to improve the academic experience for youth in our target areas.
- To become the premier “Student-To-Higher Education” event in the United States.
- To further enhance the community image of the 100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc. (100 BMC) as the leader in addressing our market’s educational needs through the use of our resources and efforts.
- To position 100 BMC as a premier resource to colleges and universities seeking to identify talented and diverse students for admission to their respective institutions.

III. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FAIR - GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- To link in excess of 5,000+ students directly with higher educational institutions, and college funding opportunities.
- Secure scholarship and/or financial aid for qualified students attending the College Scholarship Fair.
- To unite over 200 Colleges and Universities with students who are well prepared for the college experience.
- To help students and their parents become well prepared for a successful educational experience.
- To create a platform for possible long-term partnerships with colleges/universities interested in supporting our student base.
- To build relationships with colleges/universities that fosters the development of campus tour and summer enrichment activities and programs.

IV. EXPECTATIONS - FOR ATTENDING STUDENTS AND COLLEGES:

1. STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:

- Students are expected to dress professionally and conduct themselves as young adults.
- Arrive at the Fair equipped with five (5) to ten (10) copies of their personal portfolio:
 - High School Transcript or GED
 - College Entrance Examination Score(s) (i.e., ACT / SAT)
 - Two Different Letters of Recommendation
 - Personal Essay
 - Resume

- Visit as many Colleges and Universities, of interest, as time permits.
- Attend pertinent workshops and/or seminars offered at the College Fair.

2. **EXPECTATIONS - FOR COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY RECRUITERS:**

- Provide representatives who actively market their College/University to prospective student recruits. Are Empowered to interview, offer admissions, as well as provide scholarships and/or financial aid assistance to qualified students.

V. 2011 - College Scholarship Fair Schedule of Events:

Saturday, October 15, 2011:

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| 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. | Continental Breakfast for recruiters, UIC Forum |
| 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. | Booth Set-Up, UIC Forum - Fair Exhibit Area |
| 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. | Welcome address to College Recruiters/ Review of Fair Activities |
| 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. | College/Scholarship Fair, UIC Forum - Fair Exhibit Area |

(The 100BMC will provide Lunch for College Recruiters from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at a designated location in the *Forum*.)

VI. CSF – 2011 Workshop Topics Offered Students:

- **College Admission/Application Process:** Dealing with college life: using available resources, networking, and mentoring.
- **Scholarships/Grants/Financial Aid:** Financing your Education.
- **Financial Planning:** Responsibility for college students.
- **College Rap Session:** Lessons learned from current and recently graduated college students.

VII. CSF - Past Corporate Sponsors:

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| • AARP | • McDonald's |
| • AT&T | • Men's Warehouse |
| • Chicago Defender | • Merchandise Mart |
| • Coca-Cola | • Outback Restaurants |
| • Comcast | • Procentives, Inc. |
| • CTA | • Prudential |
| • Gatorade | • State Farm Insurance |
| • Hyatt | • U.S. Army |
| • ING | • U.S. Cellular |
| • Macv's | • W.O.W. |

VIII. CSF - Past Organization, Affiliations and Student Resources:

- Chicago Public Schools
- Crossroads
- The Kappa League
- Link Unlimited
- Revolution Prep
- Posse Foundation
- Trinity Higher Education Corp.
- TRIO Programs

IX. Institutions participating in last year's College Scholarship Fair (incomplete):

College Name	College Name	College Name
Alabama A & M	Lawrence University	Taylor University-Upland Campus
Alabama State University	Lewis University	Texas Christian University
Augustana College	Lincoln University	The College of Wooster
Ball State University	Loyola University Chicago	The Ohio State University
Benedict College	Macalester College	The University of Chicago
Benedictine University	MacMurray College	The University Of Iowa
Bethune-Cookman University	Marquette University	Truman College
Boston College	Maryville University	Truman State University
Bradley University	Miami University of Ohio	Tufts University
Brandeis University	Michigan State University	Tuskegee University
Butler University	Michigan Technological University	U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Calumet College of St. Joseph	Millikin University	United States Naval Academy
Carleton College	Monmouth College	University of Arizona
Carnegie Mellon University	Morgan State University	University of Cincinnati
Central State University	North Central College	University of Dayton
Chicago State University	North Park University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Columbia College Chicago	Northeastern Illinois University	University of Illinois at Springfield
Concordia College	Northern Illinois University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Creighton University	Northwestern University	University of Indianapolis
Denison University	Notre Dame University	University of Kansas
DePaul University	Oberlin College	University of Michigan
DePauw University	Ohio Northern University	University of Minnesota Morris
DeVry University	Olivet Nazarene University	University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Dominican University	Olive Harvey College	University of Missouri-Columbia
Drake University	Penn State University	University of Missouri-Columbia
Eastern Illinois University	Philander Smith College	University of Missouri-Kansas City
Eastern Michigan University	Quincy College	University of Missouri-St. Louis
East-West University	Richard J. Daley College	University of New Orleans
Elmhurst College	Robert Morris College	University of Northern Iowa
Fisk University	Rockford College	University of Pennsylvania
Florida A & M University	Roosevelt University	University of St. Francis
Grinnell College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Gustavus Adolphus College	Rust College	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Hamilton College	Saint Augustine's College	University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Hampton University	Saint Mary's College	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Harvard College	Saint Xavier University Cincinnati	Valparaiso University
Howard University	Seton Hall University	Villanova University
Illinois College	Shaw University	Wabash College
Illinois Institute of Technology	Shimer College	Washington and Lee University
Illinois State University	South Carolina State University	Webster University
Illinois Wesleyan University	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	Wesleyan University
Johnson C. Smith University	Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville	Western Illinois University
Kennedy-King College	Spelman College	Western Michigan University
Kentucky State University	St. Louis College of Pharmacy	Wilberforce University
Knox College	St. Norbert College	Xavier University of Louisiana
Lake Forest College	Stillman College	

X. Hotel Accommodation Information:

The 100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc. (100BMC), have made arrangements with a local hotel to reserve a limited number of rooms at a special rate, for Recruiters participating in the 2011 College Scholarship Fair, and are in need of accommodations for Thursday evening, October 12th and/or Friday evening, October 14th. Reservations at the special rate will be granted on a first come first served basis.

It is advised that in order to take advantage of the limited number of room, as well as the negotiated rate, reservations be made as soon as possible. When making reservations for the Fair, please ask for the 100 Black Men of Chicago's special rate "BMC113". Hotel contact information is as follows:

Club Quarters Hotels

75 W. Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60601
(312) 357-6400
Group Code: BMC113

Rate for College Fair Recruiters: \$109.00 per night Single/Double occupancy (While capacity lasts)

Club Quarters Hotels

111 W. Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois 60603
(312) 214-6400
Group Code: BMC113

Rate for College Fair Recruiters: \$139.00 per night Single/Double occupancy (While capacity lasts)

Reservations must be made by August 15th for the 100 Black Men of Chicago above rate.

XI. Shipping Information:

Please send College Scholarship Fair materials in advance to the attention of:

Dawn Collins
UIC Forum
725 W. Roosevelt Rd
Chicago, IL 60608

Please send advance materials no earlier than one week in advance and no later than Wednesday, October 12th. Thank you.

XII. 100BMC Additional Information

100BMC Web Site: www.100bmc.org
CSF Info Email: scholarshipfair@100bmc.org
100BMC Email: admin@100bmc.org

XIII - CONFIRMATION FORM FOR PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc.
2011 College Scholarship Fair
Saturday, October 15, 2011 - 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
UIC – Forum - <http://www.uic.edu/depts/uicforum/index.shtml>
725 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, Illinois 60608

(Please Type or Print)

Name of Institution: _____

City / State: _____

Contact Name(s): _____

Title: _____

Department Name: _____

Office Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Our Institution will attend, and commit to the objectives of the 100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc.'s - 2011 College Scholarship Fair. Our recruiters will be prepared to:

(Please mark all that will apply:)

- _____ Meet with prospective students to discuss our school.
- _____ Analyze transcripts and all required documentation and discuss with students what financial awards he/she may be eligible for, upon acceptance to our institution.
- _____ Analyze transcripts and all documentation, and consider accepting qualified students on site.
- _____ Analyze transcripts and all required documentation, and consider awarding qualified students *Full* or *Partial* scholarships on site.
- _____ Other (Please specify) _____

Please email Completed Confirmation Form to scholarshipfair@100bmc.org.

You can also register online at: <http://100bmc.org/CollegeRecruiterPage.htm>

Confirmation Forms must be received no later than September 10th, 2011.

Questions regarding the 100BMC - 2011 College Scholarship Fair, may be directed to scholarshipfair@100bmc.org or 312.372.1262. Thank you!