

EXPLORE CAREER IMMERSION PROGRAMS

2016-17 EXPLORE Student Application

In cities across the county, young people often go to college and never return to live and work in the areas where they grew up. Diverse, young adults are looking for opportunities in areas that show promise to people who are like them. Columbia should be that place. In order to create a workforce that is innovative and attracts brilliant minds, it starts with engaging high school students of color to the careers and fields that Columbia has to offer. In this program, students become engaged and excited about the many different careers that are within the field they are exploring. Our Explore Accounting Program partner, University of Missouri School of Accountancy, is excited to work with students and help them make connections for future opportunities. Endless possibilities begin for these students by walking through the door on the day of the first session.

Preferred Student Qualifications:

- 3.0 or higher grade point average OR in the top 10% of your class
- 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade
- Interested in Accounting field.
- Must be a student of color (Alaska Native, African American, Asian, Bi/Multi-racial, Latino, Middle-Eastern, Native American, Pacific Islander, etc.)
- Must have parent consent and an arrangement for a guardian/adult to drive student to and from program
- **Must bring a form of photo ID to EACH program session**

Cost:

This is a free program; there is no cost to students participating. We simply ask that schools and students take responsibility in coordinating transportation to and from the program sessions. Transportation can be provided in special circumstances. Sessions start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

Benefits of Being Accepted Into Program:

- Students can put on their college resumes: EXPLORE Career Immersion Program
- Students have direct opportunities to network and connect with professional mentors
- Students will learn about career fields and what will be required of them for future hire /internship
- Students can develop connections to business departments to discuss future employment opportunities depending on requirements and experience
- Students will understand why diversity and inclusion is important to the workplace
- Breakfast & lunch provided at all sessions

Student Application Form:

This form needs to be completed in full and signed by a parent /guardian to verify that they are in support of this program and will uphold all requirements for the success of your possible admittance. Upon submission, you will either be selected or waitlisted for the EXPLORE program. **For questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact: Nikki McGruder, Regional Manager | 573-817-4354 | nmcgruder@dapstl.org.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Please submit application no later than 2 weeks before the first session.

EXPLORE Accounting: 10/28/16, 4/21/17

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Student Name:

Name for Name Tag:

Home Address:

School Name:

Phone Number: **Email:**

Grade Level: 9th 10th 11th 12th **Class Rank:** of **G.P.A. (4.0 scale):**

Race / Ethnicity: Alaska Native African American Asian Bi / Multi-racial Latino
 Middle-Eastern Native American Pacific Islander

Gender: Woman Man Self-Identify

Please list any specific dietary needs for program planning:

If admitted into the program, who will be available to send you to the externship program?

(Must be over 18)

Name:..... **Signature:**.....

Relationship Counselor Teacher Parent Guardian Other

Email: **Cell Phone:**

SCHOOL REFERENCES

Provide two school references (adult staff at your school whom you trust to discuss you in a positive manner).

Name	Position	Phone Number	Email

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SHORT ANSWER

Answer questions 1 & 2 as an attachment or write in the space below. (700 word limit per question)

1. Why are you the best candidate for the EXPLORE Career Immersion program?

2. What are your career goals?

STUDENT PUBLICATION WAIVER

By signing this form below, _____ (student name), is granted permission to participate in the EXPLORE Career Immersion program. I acknowledge that I understand the program expectations and deadlines of the EXPLORE Career Immersion Program.

Application Deadline: No later than two weeks before your session begins.

It is agreed and understood that the above-named student may be photographed, recorded and videotaped by the Diversity Awareness Partnership (“DAP”) and its program partners and their respective employees and agents (DAP and EXPLORE Career Immersion Program partners are identified collectively as “Sponsor”) in connection with the student’s participation in (event) _____ on (date). _____

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Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent /Guardian Name: _____

Parent /Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT PAGES 2-4 IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR CANDIDACY.

Submit application at via email at nmcgruder@dapstl.org, fax at 573.817.4354 or mail to: Nikki McGruder, PO Box 10295, Columbia, MO 65205. Application must be received by October 14, 2016