



Making It To The Finish Line

Young & Elegant Cotillion

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The early registration fee is \$40.00. [non-refundable] This is good through the end of March 2023.

Payment: Cash App: \$mittfl or money order. No personal checks will be accepted. No exceptions.

Dear Prospective Participant:

Y. E. C. is centered on mentoring youth ages 7-17 and revitalizing the city of Detroit. Our mission is to *mentor youth ages 7-17 by empowering them through training, motivation, encouragement, and support to reach their highest potential.* We aim to prevent our participants from experiencing violence, teen pregnancy, low self-esteem, low graduation rates, bullying, drugs, and alcohol so we provide participants with the guidance, resources, and support to help them to prosper into successful young men and young men.

Our boot camp strives to guide participants to reach their highest potential. We work to uncover the young & elegant cotillion by enhancing the qualities and talents of each youth. For that reason, our youth are called Young & Elegant because of the growth they will experience as a part of the program. Our program focuses on just to name a few:

- College Readiness •Etiquette •Character Building •Why grades are important
- Community Service •Financial Literacy •Budgeting •Public Speaking •Reading Literacy
- 200 volunteer hours (high school students) •Ballroom Dancing •Dance •Drama

Opportunities are provided for our youth to give back to the community, attend influential workshops hosted by our volunteers and guests, and participate in social outings that encourage friendship and fun.

We will meet from March 5, 2023, through August 20, 2023, Sundays from 5 pm to 7 pm, culminating with the Cotillion Ball. We will meet Sunday, March 5, 2023, for our first session. We will meet at 2140 Holbrook our official headquarters in Hamtramck, MI.

To join, all prospective participants MUST submit: **1) A completed application, 2) their most recent report card, and 3) Early registration of \$40.00 through the end of March 31, 2023, registration fees are non-refundable.** Registration ends Sunday, March 26, 2023. Registration fees can be made by cash, cash app: \$mittfl, or money order. **No personal checks will be accepted.** **4) Submit (2) letters of recommendation that must accompany the application packet.** (Cannot be a relative). **5) A typed double-space essay of a minimum of 250 words entitled "Expectation of a Cotillion participant". (Due with application packet) We encourage early registration. You can mail your packet in with the registration fee.**

Requirements

1. **All** participants are required to attend every community service event to remain active.
2. **All** participants are required to attend all sessions to remain active.
3. A \$250 financial responsibility fee per participant **covers workshop/community service materials, guest speakers, refreshments, t-shirts for participants, and general overhead.**
4. **All participants are required to have \$100 paid by March 25, 2023. Total financial responsibility is \$250 per participant and must be paid in full by April 30, 2023, or the participant cannot complete the program. There is a Sponsorship package available for parents' use.**



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5. **All** participants are required to participate in all fundraising activities this will help to defray a portion of your financial responsibility.

6. **Cotillion Ball** requirements **each participant is responsible for 3 ads for souvenir booklet and 8 tickets (tickets are \$25 per person for Cotillion Ball). No exceptions. [tentative]**

As a participant in the Young & Elegant Cotillion boot camp, I agree to the following terms”

I will maintain a good moral character and good standing within my school and community.

I understand that:

If I withdraw from the Cotillion program, I will write to the Cotillion Chairperson. Additionally, I understand that all funds collected by me for the Cotillion program belong to Making It To The Finish Line.

I agree to participate in all the Cotillion activities and rehearsals. If circumstances deem it necessary to miss an activity, I will contact the chairperson within 48 hours of the activity. **I understand that if I don't meet the required attendance requirement,** even those that are excused could result in my being asked to withdraw from the program.

Please sign and return this section, I agree to the above requirements for participation in the Young & Elegant Cotillion boot camp sessions:

Signature of participant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____



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Participant Full Name: _____

Age: ____ Date of Birth: _____ School Attend: _____

GPA: _____ Grade: ____ Email: _____

1. How did you hear about our program?

2. What would you like to gain from being a part of our program?

3. Finish this sentence (high school students): After I graduate from High School I want to...

4. Are you involved in any extracurricular activities? If so, what _____

5. Are there any activities/ideas that you have in mind that you would like to do as a part of the program? _____

6. Have you ever been mentored before? If so, when and by whom?

7. Do you have any hobbies or special talents? _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

Parent/Guardian Full Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Do you agree that your youth can participate in our program? _____

Are you willing to ensure your youth's participation and attendance at programs, meetings, and/or functions?

Does your youth have reliable transportation to meet the requirements to be an active participant? _____



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PARENT PERMISSION AND PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

I give my child permission to participate in the mentoring program.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Participant name	Grade	Room	Date of Birth
_____	_____	_____	_____
Parent/Guardian's name (print)	Signature	Today's Date	
_____	_____	_____	
Home Address	City	Zip	
_____	_____	_____	
Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell	

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of emergency please contact:

_____	_____	_____
Name	Relationship	Phone
_____	_____	_____
Medical history that may be of importance	Medication participant is taking	
_____	_____	
List any Allergies	List any Allergies	

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I understand that the Young & Elegant Cotillion Boot Camp assumes no responsibility or liability for injuries/illnesses of my youth. I further understand that I hold YEC boot camp, its mentors, volunteers, guest speakers, and all other associated parties harmless from any and all liability or claims which may arise out of my youth participation in the program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____



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PARTICIPANT RELEASE POLICY

As a parent/guardian, I understand that the program will begin at 5:00 p.m., at 2140 Holbrook, Home of Making It To The Finish Line, and will end by 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. In order to be released from the program, participants MUST sign out and have it initialed by a member of YEC.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

PERMISSION TO EVALUATE PROGRAMS AND TRACK PARTICIPANT'S PROGRESS

I give permission for the YEC staff to review my youth's school data (test scores, report cards, and other measures), for the purpose of assessing the academic effectiveness of the program. I also give permission for YEC staff to monitor my youth's progress and to give my child evaluation surveys to find out if services and or/workshops are helpful for my youth.

Parent/Guardian signature Date

PHOTO/VIDEOTAPING RELEASE

During your youth attendance in the program, she/he may be participating in an activity that is being photographed or videotaped; these photographs/ video recordings may be used for promotional purposes.

My youth ___ may ___ may not be photographed/videotaped by the program for promotional purposes.

*As parent/guardian, I understand that I hold YEC, its mentors, volunteers, guest speakers, and all other associated parties harmless from any and all liability or claims which may arise out of or in connection with my youth being photographed or videotaped while participating in the program.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Confidentiality/Non-Disclosure Agreement

As a parent of a Young & Elegant Cotillion participant, I agree that I will not share any information regarding other parents, or participants. I will not use or share any materials or pictures that are the property of said program without permission from Young & Elegant Cotillion boot camp and Making It To The Finish Line.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date