



Eastlake Male Youth Initiative

2021-2022 Student Information and Application Packet

The Eastlake Male Youth Initiative (EMYI) invites applicants who are African American males 10 - 16 years old to participate in its 2021-2022 program. Available to students throughout the metropolitan Atlanta area, this program is a 9-month leadership and mentoring experience. It is specifically intended for young men to gain or develop leadership skills and learn how to be active citizens who strive to make an impact in their families, schools and communities. Students participate in challenging and impactful instruction from successful role models, business, civic, and community leaders.

Each participant will attend and participate in a one-day Leadership Retreat, monthly leadership and development sessions as well as complete a community impact project. This year there are 50 available slots for the program.

The program includes:

- Interactive leadership and character development workshops
- Team building and fitness activities
- Cultural and historical field trips
- Community outreach
- 1-1 mentoring opportunities

About EMYI

The Eastlake Male Youth Initiative (EMYI) is a 9-month leadership and mentoring program for African American males aged 10-16 and residing primarily in DeKalb County. The program gives African American males access to challenging and impactful instruction from successful role models, business, civic, and community leaders. Our goal is to develop young men to be the next generation of community leaders, high achievers and purveyors of excellence. This program is a joint partnership between The Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church and The Truth Teller Inc., an Atlanta-based, 501(c)(3) non-profit charity.

Benefits of the Program

Eastlake Male Youth Initiative program sessions are designed to help participants grow and develop as inspired, confident leaders. Program content and participant engagement are centered around four (4) functional outcomes:

1. **Build Leadership and Life Skills.** Participants will gain or develop their leadership skills.
2. **Promote Leadership by Example.** Participants will receive challenging and rewarding instruction from prominent instructors.
3. **Cultivate Leadership through Mentoring.** Participants will receive positive interactions and consistent meetings with a caring adult mentor.
4. **Lead and Develop Community Impact.** Participants will learn how to be active citizens who strive to make an impact in their families, schools and communities.

Schedule

The 2021-2022 Eastlake Male Youth Initiative program activities will **take place every 2nd Saturday**, and are tentatively **scheduled from October 9, 2021 through June 4, 2022**. Unless otherwise noted, activities are held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at The Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church, 1879 Glenwood Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30316. Attendance and active participation are essential to the success of the program. The program schedule includes the following:



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EMYI 2021-2022 Program Schedule (Tentative)

Participant/ Parent Orientation	October 2, 2021
Monthly Leadership Sessions	October 9, 2021; November 13, 2021; December 11, 2021; January 8, 2022; February 12, 2022; March 12, 2022; April 9, 2022; May 14, 2022
Leadership Retreat	November 13, 2021
Commencement and Awards Ceremony	June 4, 2022

Students may not miss more than two sessions. Students who miss more than two sessions, other than birth or death of an immediate family member, will not receive a certificate of completion. The Leadership Retreat and Commencement are both mandatory time commitments.

Stipend and Transportation

Students who successfully achieve the attendance requirement will receive a \$100 gift card stipend for participation in and completion of the program. Participants are responsible for transportation to and from the leadership sessions held at The Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church.

Selection Process

We are looking for applicants who are:

- African American males who are residents in metropolitan Atlanta
- Rising 5th through 11th grades in Fall 2021
- Interested in gaining or developing their leadership skills
- Passionate about improving their communities
- In good academic and citizenship standing

Applicants are required to **submit a completed Student Application by September 10, 2021.**

Review Process

Upon receipt of application materials, an acknowledgement email will be sent to the applicant. Selected applicants will be **notified beginning October 1, 2021.** All applicants will be notified of EMYI's decision to select or decline an application.

Key Dates to Remember

Deadline to Apply	September 10, 2021
Notification of Selection	October 1, 2021
Deadline to Confirm/ Deny Participation	October 8, 2021
Program Dates	October 9, 2021 - June 4, 2022

Need More Information?

The Eastlake Male Youth Initiative thanks you for your interest in this opportunity. You may visit our website at thetruthteller.org for more details. For any questions or concerns, please send an email to info@the-truth-teller.com.



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STUDENT INFORMATION

First Name	Last Name	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Address			
City	State	Zip Code	County
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address	
School Name	Grade	Date of Birth	
How did you hear about Eastlake Male Youth Initiative? <input type="checkbox"/> School/ Guidance Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer/ Posted Advertisement <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member <input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Previous EMYI Participant <input type="checkbox"/> Other Please specify:			

Please tell us your educational goals and reason for desiring to participate in EMYI:

PARENT/ LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

First Name	Last Name	Relationship to Student	
Address			
City	State	Zip Code	County
Home Phone (If different from above)	Cell Phone (If different from above)	Email Address (If different from above)	
Known Allergies/ Medications/ Dietary Restrictions:			



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EMERGENCY CONTACTS

First Name	Last Name	Relationship to Student
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address

PERMISSION

I give full permission for my son in my care to attend the 2021-2022 Eastlake Male Youth Initiative and understand that my son must commit for the entire program duration. Furthermore, I agree, for myself, my heirs, assigns, executors, and administrators to release and discharge The Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church and The Truth Teller Inc., a non-profit charity, its officers and directors, employees, agents and volunteers from all claims, demands and actions for injuries sustained to my sons' person and/or property as a result of his involvement, whether or not resulting from negligence, and I agree to release and hold The Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church and The Truth Teller Inc., its officers and directors, employees, agents and volunteers harmless from any cause or action, claim, or suit arising therewith. I attest that attendance and involvement in such activities is voluntary, that he is participating at his own risk, and that I have read the foregoing terms and conditions of this release.

YES NO

The Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church and The Truth Teller Inc. have taken steps to implement certain recommended guidance and recommendations issued by public health agencies for slowing the transmission of highly contagious bacterial and viral diseases including, but not limited to, the 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) (collectively, the Disease). I am aware of the risk that I, and my son, may be exposed to or contract the Disease by being at EMYI and engaging in EMYI activities. In consideration of my son's participation in EMYI, and/or being exposed to or contracting the Disease, I agree to hold harmless The Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church and The Truth Teller Inc. on account of injury, illness, disability, death, or property damage arising out of or attributable to myself or my son. I further understand that by agreeing to this release, I am waiving any and all claims of any kind arising out of or attributable to myself or my son attending and/or participating in EMYI activities, and/or being exposed to or contracting the Disease.

YES NO

I give full permission for The Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church and The Truth Teller Inc. to use any photographs, films and or sound recordings in which my son appears for publicity purposes, now and any time in the future, in any media.

YES NO

I declare that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief my son is in good physical health and is capable of participating in the 2021-2022 Eastlake Male Youth Initiative activities including fitness, team building, field trips, and other physical activities. I hereby authorize my son to participate in such activities.

YES NO

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

Date



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Online (**PREFERRED METHOD**)

- Please complete and submit the application at the following web address: www.thetruthteller.org

By Email:

- Please email completed application to: info@the-truth-teller.com

By Postal Mail:

- The Truth Teller Inc. | P.O. Box 43071 | Atlanta, GA 30336
- ATTN: 2022 Eastlake Male Youth Initiative