



Eastlake Male Youth Initiative 2021-2022 Mentor Information and Application Packet

Thank you for your interest as a mentor for Eastlake Male Youth Initiative (EMYI)!

This packet will give you useful information about Eastlake Male Youth Initiative (EMYI) and explain the expectations of mentors. One of the functional outcomes of EMYI is to connect participants with strong, adult role models they can bond with, learn from and aspire to emulate. Mentors are vital to the success of EMYI. The program could not survive without the passion and dedication of those who volunteer their time to work with and inspire our students.

About Eastlake Male Youth Initiative

Eastlake Male Youth Initiative (EMYI) is a 9-month leadership and mentoring program for African American males aged 10-16 residing primarily in DeKalb County, Georgia. 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. For nine months, students learn about leadership and develop community awareness through workshops, team building and fitness activities, cultural and historical field trips, 1-1 mentoring, and participation in community service.

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.

Eligible Mentor Candidates

Mentors:

- Are a minimum of 21 years of age
- Participate in a Mentor Orientation Class
- Fulfill the Application Process
- Meet with their mentee at least once monthly
- Commit to the program for a minimum of eight months



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Time Commitment

Mentors will make two contacts per month with their assigned mentees, one in person and one via phone. The first encounter must be in the presence of the mentees' parent(s) or guardian(s). (Due to concerns with COVID-19, mentors and mentees will initially interact virtually and over the phone.) Mentors must commit to the program for a minimum of eight months.

Expectations

Mentor-Mentee pairs will:

- Identify clear objectives for the mentoring relationship.
- Mentor-Mentee pairs will meet regularly in addition to the monthly leadership sessions (as needed).
- Mentor-Mentee pairs will attend the Leadership Retreat and Commencement and Awards Ceremony.

Participant Selection

All applicants will be notified via email regarding the status of their application. Mentors will be selected based on the information provided in the application, along with their professional goals and interests, a successful background check, and where an appropriate match is available.

Program Schedule

Once selected, mentors are not required to attend the monthly leadership sessions. However, by attending structured events, both the mentor and mentee will develop skills that support the mentoring relationship. Please review the dates below prior to submitting your application to ensure your availability. The 2021-2022 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.

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 (Tentative)	November 13, 2021
Commencement and Awards Ceremony	June 4, 2022

Matching Process

Each mentoring group will consist of one (1) mentor and 1 or 2 assigned student mentees to allow a close mentor-mentee relationship. In making matches based on the available pool of mentors, we do our best to match individuals with similar interests and experiences.



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Mentor Evaluations

At the end of the EMYI program year, each mentor will receive an evaluation survey to obtain feedback on the program and the success of the mentor-mentee relationship.

Mentor Checklist

To become an active EMYI mentor, you will need to complete the following steps:

- I have reviewed the program dates and ensured my availability before applying to the program.
- Complete the Mentor Application Form
 - Fill out and submit the Application Form at the following link: <https://bit.ly/2UTM5SA>
 - As part of the application, you will be asked why you are interested in volunteering for EMYI. Also include in your response the name of the EMYI contact or other individual who referred you to the program.
 - A current résumé is attached to the form.
- Pass a mandatory background check.
 - After your application has been received and reviewed, you will receive an email from the EMYI Program explaining the background check process.
 - Follow the instructions to complete the background check. There is no charge to you.
 - EMYI will receive confirmation when your background check has been approved.
- Sign the Mentor Agreement and confirm youth assignment at Mentor Orientation Meeting <TBD>.

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 questions or concerns about EMYI, please send an email to: info@the-truth-teller.com.



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2021-2022 Eastlake Male Youth Initiative Mentor Application

PERSONAL 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	
MENTOR APPLICANT QUESTIONS			
Why do you wish to participate as a mentor in the Eastlake Male Youth Initiative program?			
Have you ever mentored youth ages 10-16? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Have you ever participated as a mentor or mentee in any formal mentoring program? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, please describe your experience.			
What key experiences during the program would support your role as a mentor? (Panel Discussion, Motivational Speaker, etc.)			
What is your field/ industry of employment? If retired, please indicate what field/ industry you retired from.			
What steps have you taken to continue your own career development?			



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What would you consider to be your number one accomplishment in your career?

List any hobbies or interests you have outside of your professional career.

Is there anything else we need to know regarding your interest in becoming a mentor?

ATTESTATION

[] I attest that all information provided in my application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Online (**PREFERRED METHOD**)

- Please complete and submit the application: <https://bit.ly/2UTM5SA>

By Mail:

- Please mail completed application to the address below:

Mailing Address:

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