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Registration Packet Information

Welcome to a tour of a lifetime!

We at Northwest Black Pioneers Educational Programs and Historically Black Colleges and Universities, strive to provide a program that will provide value, and be of service to all high school age students, regardless of race, religious background, gender, or grade point average.

This program is open to all students willing to make themselves available both in a physical, and mental capacity, with a desire to succeed and participate in the activities and events associated with the program and/or tour.

Participation and Acceptance of the Tour Requires:

- All documents to be completed accurately, signed appropriately, and submitted to the program administration in accordance with program policy and timeline.
- All deposits and fees must be paid in accordance with program policy and timeline.
- Student has participated in meetings, activities, and events in accordance with program policy and timeline.

Space is limited on the tour to 40 students on a first-come, first served basis. A non-refundable deposit of $375.00 is required to guarantee and hold a space for each student. This deposit must be submitted prior to a student's participation in fundraising activities.

We will not accept an application until the $375.00 deposit is included with it. Once we have attained our student capacity, we will accept waitlist applications with the required deposit. If student does not make it off the waitlist, a full refund of the deposit will be returned.

Dates and Information to Remember:

- Application and Deposit Deadline - November 15, 2025 or until tour capacity is met, whichever comes first.
- Meeting and Event Dates - See Attached Itinerary
- Final Payment, Partial Refund, and Refund Dates
- By signing this application, you acknowledge the payment policies and practices, as well as all other pages within the registration packet. You further acknowledge that you are committing to the terms and conditions within the registration packet, as well as information and decisions discussed and made during group meetings, whether you are in attendance of said meeting, or not.

Additional details will be provided at the student meetings, which are held in accordance with the attached itinerary, or you may contact our office at the phone number listed above.

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Payment Policies and Practices

For students to be guaranteed a space on the college tour, a non-refundable deposit of **$375.00** is required and spots on the tour will be prioritized on a first come first served basis. If a partial deposit payment is received the student's space does not become guaranteed until full deposit payment is received. Full and Partial payments of deposit is non-refundable.

The organization requirement is that the entire trip balance of **$1,725.00** will need to be paid in full by the last scheduled group meeting, in **January 17, 2026**.

Tour Fee and Non-Refundable Deposit:

All deposits must be made in full upon registration or within 30 days. The deposit can be accepted in 2 payments of $187.50, upon arrangement. The total cost of the tour is **$2,100.00**. The final payment of balances of owing will need to be paid in full by the last scheduled group meeting in January, which is **January 17, 2026**.

Once a deposit is paid in full or in partial NO EXCEPTIONS whatsoever will be made to refund a deposit unless it is due to an organizational mishap including but not limited to: required number of tour participants isn't met, proceeds collected and/or earned via fundraising tour will not fully cover associated tour expenses, cancellation of the tour as deemed necessary by the organization.

Fundraising Proceeds:

In order for tour participants and/or family representatives to begin participating in fundraising activities, 50% of the trip deposit must be paid and application must be received along with that payment.

If you choose to begin participation in fundraising without completing the requirements associated with the deposit, the earnings from participation will be held in the general fund until deposit requirements have been met. Upon completion of deposit requirements, fundraising earnings will be applied to your account to reduce the remaining balance.

If a student generates an overage of proceeds from fundraising, the overage amount will remain in the general fund in support of group activities while on the trip.

If a student decides to cancel their reservation on the tour once they have participated in fundraising activities the proceeds will remain in the general fund in support of group activities while on the trip.

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Balance Payoff:
Upon complete payment of the deposit Parent/Guardian's must commit to making payments that fits within their budget but are not reliant upon generation of proceeds from fundraising activities. The balance owing must be paid in full by **January 17, 2026**.

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Black Colleges and Universities Tour
Tentative Itinerary for April 2026 Tour

Join us for Spring Break 2026 plus an additional week, as we embark on our 26th annual educational tour of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). Tour Dates are April 12 - 25, 2026.

- Washington D.C/Baltimore — Howard, Coppin State, Morgan State, Bowie State
- Virginia — Virginia State, Norfolk State, Hampton
- North Carolina — NC A&T, NC Central, Winston-Salem, Johnson C Smith, Shaw
- Tennessee — Fisk, Tennessee State
- Georgia — Spelman, Morehouse, Clark-Atlanta
- Alabama — Alabama State, Tuskegee
- Mississippi — Jackson State, Tougaloo
- New Orleans — Southern, Xavier

Tour Meeting information:

Location: Northwest Black Pioneers
9400 Rainier Ave S., Suite F, Seattle — 98118 (Polaris Building Theatre Room)
Time: 9:30am – 11:30am
Meeting Dates: 1st Meeting is the first Saturday in June 2025
Regular meetings will be held the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month from June 2025 – March 2026

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS

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Tentative Fundraisers/Events and Dates

- Roots Family Picnic — Sunday, August 31, 2025
- Double Good Popcorn – Date: TBD
- NBA Preseason Game – Date: TBD (October 2025)
- Portland Trailblazers HBCU Game – Date: TBD (February 2026)
- Open to any fundraising suggestions!

For more information call:

Northwest Black Pioneers Office
(206) 420-8769
(206) 255-0220

Note: All Dates, Schools and events/fundraisers are subject to change without notice

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COLLEGE TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Student Name _____ M/F _____ Age & DOB _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home/Cell Phone _____ Additional Contact Number _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Name (Circle One) _____ Phone _____

School Name _____ Grade _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Registration packet includes the following: Registration Form, Emergency Form, School Letter of Recommendation, Tour Conduct Contract, Trip Itinerary, and a one (1) page typed Student Essay. All forms are due no later than December 20, 2025.

STUDENT FEES

- Total Trip Cost is $2,100.00 (3-4 STUDENTS TO A ROOM, 2 BEDS IN EACH
- ROOM)
- Non-Refundable deposit $375.00 is required to reserve a spot on the tour
- Total trip fee must be paid no later than 2nd meeting of January 2026
- Fee covers air transportation, lodging and bus transportation
- Fee does **NOT** cover cost of meals and incidentals. All meals, incidentals and spending costs are the responsibility of the student and family

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COLLEGE TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- Full refund excluding $375 deposit prior to December 20, 2025
- Partial refund (50%) excluding $375 Deposit prior to January 17, 2026
- No refund after January 17, 2026

The refund only includes funds you've paid directly out of pocket (excluding the deposit). This does not include any funds raised during fundraising efforts.

Student Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Please Attach the Required Items:

• Copy of Students Picture ID
• Birth Certificate
• Copy of Insurance Card(s)

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EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

Student Name _____ Age _____ Birthdate _____

Sex _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Name (Circle One) _____ Cell Phone & Work Phone _____

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EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____

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Student Medications _____

Please Circle Yes or No for the Following:

Asthma | Yes / No Epilepsy | Yes / No Blood Disease | Yes / No Insulin | Yes / No

Heart Disease | Yes / No Hearing/Vision Impaired | Yes / No

Female's Only: Are you or could you possibly be pregnant? | Yes / No – If yes, travel requires your physician's written permission to travel.

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Are you currently under a physician's care? Yes / No If yes, please explain:

_____

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

Any Other Medical History you deem needs to be disclosed:

I authorize and hold harmless, NWBP staff/volunteers/medical professionals to provide medical care in the event of an emergency for _____, while participating in the NWBP College Tour.

_____

Parent or Legal Guardian Name Phone

_____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature Date

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SCHOOL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

_____

Student Name

Thank you for taking time to complete the following letter of recommendation form for the above named student, as part of his/her participation on the Northwest Black Pioneers 2026 HBCU College Tour program. Your completion of this letter will help to ensure that selected students possess the appropriate social skills and maturity level needed for a trip of this nature.

Listed below are attributes that the Northwest Black Pioneers (NWBP) require students to possess, in order to participate in the 2026 HBCU College Tour. The behavior rating is on a scale of 1-5 with 1 = poor, 3 = average and 5 = excellent. Please circle the response that best fits the student's commonly displayed behavior at school.

Personal Conduct Outside of the Classroom	1	2	3	4	5
Respect for Peers	1	2	3	4	5
Respect for Superiors	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to Follow Rules & Expectations	1	2	3	4	5

Number of Disciplinary Actions to Date: _____

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Parent/Guardian Authorization:

I hereby give my consent for the release of the above requested information for my child to participate in the NWBP 2026 HBCU College Tour program.

_____

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

_____

Form Completed By Title

_____

Signature Date Phone

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CONDUCT CONTRACT

Respectful conduct and behavior is required at all times on the trip. The expectation is that all participants will follow all tour rules and represent themselves in a positive and dignified manner. The following are the basic expectations for all participants. Complete tour rules and expectations are detailed in the tour handbook.

1. **CHEERFUL** — Positive attitude, have fun and smile
2. **INITIATIVE** — Be responsible, cooperate, participate, ask questions
3. **ORGANIZATION** — Be responsible, follow directions, have all required items
4. **RESPECT** — For others, others feelings, give positive feedback, respect differences of other people/places
5. **CONVERSATIONALIST** — Know when to talk, stay involved and participate
6. **PATIENCE** — Listen, gather information, set an example, be willing to adapt, chill
7. **CREATIVE** — Be flexible, express yourself, be a good problem solver
8. **DEPENDABLE** — Responsible (self), trustworthy, follow rules and guidelines
9. **TRUSTWORTHY** — Be reliable, stick to your WORD !
10. **CURFEW** — Honor the 11:00 PM curfew
11. **LANGUAGE** — Please do not use profanity/No fighting or arguing
12. **PAY ATTENTION, STAY FOCUSED AND RESPECT CAMPUS SPEAKERS AND TOUR GUIDES**

Student Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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STUDENT ESSAY

A student essay is required for your participation on the college tour program.

Please complete at minimum, a one-page typed essay, double-spaced with 11-point font, explaining how your participation on the Northwest Black Pioneer 2026 HBCU College Tour Program, will support your future education and career goals.

Please sign and date your essay, and please include your name, grade and school at the top.

The completed essay must be signed by your parent/guardian.

Essay is due no later than December 20, 2025.