The Audrey Walton Youth Leadership Program provides opportunities for Missouri youth (high school juniors and seniors) to gain skills that will assist them in becoming leaders in their communities and schools. Named after and generally sponsored by Audrey Walton, a great leader in her own right, this program promotes the importance of leadership, physical fitness, higher education, and a healthy lifestyle. During the 3-day conference, we will engage in several activities that will encourage the students to step up and be leaders amongst themselves. All of the students will participate in both indoor and outdoor team activities. They will attend a luncheon as well as a dinner banquet where they will have the opportunity to listen to some of our state’s outstanding leaders. The Audrey Walton Youth Leadership Program is certainly an experience that will help any student become a true leader in his or her school and community.

**Conference Dates:** THURSDAY, JULY 16 – SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2020 at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Participants will stay in an MU resident hall with an assigned roommate of the same gender and attend the conference’s events at various locations on campus.

**Who Can Apply?** High school students entering their junior or senior year in school for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Cost:** There is little cost to participants. Lodging, transportation to and from the conference, as well as most meals, are provided by the Show-Me STATE GAMES (we send buses to and from the KC and St. Louis areas). Participants might want to bring a little spending money for souvenirs and any extra snacks they wish to have.

**Due to the large number of applications we receive each year, we ask that students who attended the conference the previous year not apply in order to give a new student a chance to attend.**

**How To Apply?**

Send completed application including: 1.) Student Data Sheet, 2.) Signed Excellent Expectations Form, 3.) Signed Medical Release Form and 4.) Short Essay to:

AWYL Conference
Show-Me STATE GAMES
1400 S. Rock Quarry Rd., Entrance 5
Columbia, MO, 65211

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
Jessie Sida, AWYL Coordinator
oserjl@missouri.edu
(573) 884-2946

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE May 15, 2020

SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS:

Choose ONE of the following short-answer questions and answer on separate paper. (Expected length: 1-2 pages)

A. What is your personal definition of leadership? What characteristics and skills do leaders possess?
B. Describe a situation where you exhibited leadership skills and characteristics that resulted in the successful completion of a project.
C. Discuss why you want to be involved in the Audrey Walton Youth Leadership Conference and how your leadership skills and characteristics would be enhanced by your participation.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance status in mid-June, 2020. Space is limited. Applications will be critiqued and participants accepted to attend on a first-come, first-served basis.
The Show-Me STATE GAMES office must have the following 1.) Completed Student Data Sheet 2.) Completed and Signed Medical Release Form 3.) Signed Excellent Expectations Form 4.) Short Essay with any leadership positions you have held in your school, job, or community before you will be considered. Please turn in all forms at the same time. Your completed application is due May 15, 2020. Applicants will be notified of acceptance status by mid-June, 2020. Space is limited. Applications will be critiqued and accepted to attend on a first-come, first-served basis.

**STUDENT DATA SHEET**

Please type or print neatly:

Name: ____________________________________________________________  Male:_____  Female: _____

Home Address: ______________________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: ______________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone: (________) _____________________________________

High School: ____________________________ Grade: JR SR (CIRCLE FOR ’20-21 YEAR)

E-mail Address: ______________________________________________

High School Counselor: ________________________________________

Are you enrolled in a college bound or career path program?  YES ________  NO ________

Circle the t-shirt size you prefer:     S   M   L   XL   XXL   XXXL

**Not exactly sure what career path you seek?** We want you to take advantage of this opportunity to explore an area of study or career that interest you so we can maximize your experience. The Audrey Walton Youth Leadership organization takes pride in helping the young leaders of today take the steps to fulfilling their goals and ambitions and listed below you can find links to each individual college the University of Missouri offers. We hope this will help you in your search for the right career path for you.

Please circle your **top three** interests for future career paths.

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These *EXCELLENT EXPECTATIONS* were developed to assist you in receiving all the benefits of the *AUDREY WALTON YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE*. Your positive response to these expectations will help you to achieve your personal goals and others will benefit as well!

1. I keep the room assignments as given by the conference staff. I enjoy making new friends and becoming acquainted with others.

2. I am in my residence hall room by the assigned time so that I am fully alert for the next day’s activities.

3. For safety reasons, I stay in groups whenever outside the residence hall, and I will not leave the residence hall without notifying my Team Leader.

4. I am courteous, polite, and considerate of others. As a result, I gain the respect of many other people.

5. I attend all sessions and participate in all activities. My fellow leadership conference participants will be eager to hear about my experiences and what I have learned at the conference.

6. I will arrive at least five minutes early for all sessions. This demonstrates my respect for all conference staff and allows the sessions to begin on time.

7. I report all illnesses, injuries, and other problems to the conference staff so that appropriate action can be taken.

8. I help to project a proper image while visiting other conference participants. I am aware that females are not allowed in males’ rooms and males are not allowed in females’ rooms.

9. I keep my room door locked at night and when I am away from my room. I will have my key with me at all times and will not give it to someone else. This enables my roommates and me to keep our belongings safe.

10. I will keep the noise low in my room after 11:00 PM. This demonstrates my courtesy for the other guests in the residence hall.

I commit to doing my very best to fulfill the *EXCELLENT EXPECTATIONS* of this conference. Doing so will enable me to receive the maximum benefits from the *AUDREY WALTON YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE*. I understand that if I do not choose to commit myself to the *EXCELLENT EXPECTATIONS* of the conference, I will have to return home at the expense of my legal guardian.

_________________________________________  __________________________________
*Applicant Signature*                     *Date*
MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

2020 Audrey Walton Youth Leadership Conference
Hosted by the Show-Me STATE GAMES and
The University of Missouri-Columbia

Name of Participant: ____________________________________________ Male: ___ Female: ___

In consideration of my participating in the Audrey Walton Youth Leadership Conference, I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, educators and administrators, waive, release, and forever discharge any and all rights and claims for damages, including any claims for loss, damages, or injury to my person or property arising out of my participation in the Audrey Walton Youth Leadership Conference, the Show-Me STATE GAMES, the National Sports Governing bodies, the Curators of the University of Missouri, the owner of the site of any activity I may be participating in, their agents, representatives, successors and assigns.

I hereby authorize and consent to any first aid, medication, medical treatment, or surgery deemed necessary in case of emergency.

I understand that I can obtain further information on the program or activity described above by contacting Jessie Sida at: (573) 884-2946 or userjl@missouri.edu.

Show-Me STATE GAMES: 1400 S. Rock Quarry Rd., Entrance 5; Columbia, MO, 65211.

Please specify any medical allergies or chronic illnesses you may have. Also, please list any medicines that you must take as well as complete instructions of the dosage and frequency. These medications should be made known to the conference staff at the time of arrival. In addition, please note any dietary restrictions (vegetarian, diabetic, kosher, etc.) as well as any other information the staff should be informed of.

__________________________________________ Date
Signature of Conference Applicant

__________________________________________ Date
Signature of Parent/Guardian

Relationship to Applicant: ____________________________

In case of emergency, call: ____________________________ at ____________________________
Name Daytime Phone # Cell Phone #

Allergies/Medical Conditions/Dietary Restrictions: ________________________________________________

______________________________________________

Medicine(s) to be taken (dosage and frequency): _________________________________________________
You May Be Wondering About...

Transportation to and from the Conference:
Participants will be transported to and from the conference in buses chartered by the Show-Me STATE GAMES. A bus will pick up and drop off St. Louis area participants at a designated spot to be announced closer to the dates of the Conference. Another bus will pick up and drop off Kansas City area participants at a designated spot to be announced closer to the dates of the Conference. Participants not living in Kansas City or St. Louis have the option of meeting the buses at these designated spots and riding them to Columbia or having a parent/guardian drive them to and from the Conference on their own.

Housing and Meals:
Participants will stay in the University of Missouri Residence Halls during the conference. These residence halls will be air-conditioned. Participants will be assigned a roommate of the same gender. Most meals will be provided during the Conference. In addition to special luncheons and banquets, participants will eat in the University Dining Halls or at Conference events, where a great variety of foods will be available.

Below you will find the schedule of events from last year's conference. The 2020 conference will roughly follow the same type of schedule and provide the same types of seminars, learning opportunities, and activities.

*Some schedule changes are expected for the 2020 event.

2019 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 1: HIGHER EDUCATION

THURSDAY, JULY 18

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION
Mizzou – Wolpers Hall-800 Hitt St.

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. MOVE IN, INTRODUCTIONS, EXPECTATIONS, AND TEAM MEETINGS

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. WELCOME LUNCHEON
Memorial Union North 201-A

1:15 – 3:15 p.m. MU ADMISSIONS PRESENTATION & CAMPUS TOUR

3:45 – 5:00 p.m. CAREER EXPLORATION SESSION
 Various Buildings
Medicine, Law, Education, Health Professions, Engineering, Journalism, Business

5:15 – 6:45 p.m. DINNER ON THE TOWN
S. 9th St.

7:15 – 8:45 p.m. EVENING ACTIVITY
Team Trivia
Wolpers Hall

9:15 – 10:15 p.m. TEAM MEETINGS
Wolpers Hall Lobby

DAY 2: LEADERSHIP & CAREER PLANNING

FRIDAY, JULY 19
8:00 – 8:45 a.m.  BREAKFAST  

Plaza 900

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  VENTURE OUT  
(Wear comfortable shoes)  

Peace Park

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  BOOKSTORE AND FREE TIME

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.  LUNCH  

Plaza 900

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.  TRUE COLORS LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION  

Wolpers Hall

2:45 – 3:15 p.m.  TORCH RUN CEREMONY  

Jesse Hall/Columns

3:15 – 5:00 p.m.  TEAM SCAVENGER HUNT  
Get to know your team as well as the MU Campus on this challenging activity!  

MU Campus

5:00 – 5:45 p.m.  PIZZA DINNER  

Wolpers Hall

6:15 – 6:30 p.m.  DEPART FOR OPENING CEREMONIES  

Wolpers Hall

6:30-6:45 p.m.  OPENING CEREMONIES LINE-UP  
Gather in Mizzou Arena to usher in Parade of Athletes into Ceremony  

Mizzou Arena

7:00 – 8:15 p.m.  SHOW-ME STATE GAMES OPENING CEREMONIES  

8:30 – 9:00 p.m.  TEAM MEETINGS  

Meet in Lobby

9:00 – 10:30 p.m.  EVENING ACTIVITY  
Swimming at the Grotto, bring your beach towel!  

Tiger Grotto

DAY 3: FITNESS & FAREWELL

SATURDAY, JULY 20

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.  BREAKFAST  

Plaza 900

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  FITNESS CHALLENGE & AWARDS  
(Wear comfortable shoes)  

Stankowski Field

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  CLOSING AND CHECK OUT  

Peace Park

11:00 a.m.  EN ROUTE HOME – LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED