



## 2023 Participant Application Form

*Audrey Walton Youth Leadership Conference*  
July 20-21, 2023  
Hosted by the Show-Me STATE GAMES



The Audrey Walton Youth Leadership Conference (AWYLC) 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 2-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.

**When?** Thursday, July 20 – Friday, July 21, 2023

**Where?** University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri. Participants will stay in an MU residence 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 2023-2024 school year.

**Cost?** There is little cost to participants. Lodging, as well as most meals, are provided by the Show-Me STATE GAMES. Participants might want to bring a little spending money for souvenirs and any extra snacks they wish to have.

**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  
Mikayla Reed, AWYL Conference Coordinator  
mmrf4y@umsystem.edu  
(573) 884-2946

## APPLICATIONS ARE DUE by June 1, 2023

### 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, 2023**. **Space is limited. Applications will be critiqued and participants accepted to attend on a first-come, first-served basis.**



**STUDENT DATA SHEET**

Show-Me STATE GAMES  
2023 Audrey Walton Youth Leadership Program  
July 20-22, 2023



The Show-Me STATE GAMES office must have all 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 20, 2023.** Applicants will be notified of acceptance status **by mid-June, 2023.** 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 '23-24 YEAR)

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

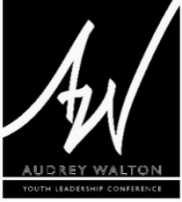
Are you enrolled in a college-bound or career path program? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

<b>Business:</b> <a href="https://business.missouri.edu/">https://business.missouri.edu/</a>	<b>Education:</b> <a href="https://education.missouri.edu/">https://education.missouri.edu/</a>	<b>Health Sciences:</b> (PT/OT, etc.) <a href="https://healthprofessions.missouri.edu/">https://healthprofessions.missouri.edu/</a>	<b>Nursing:</b> <a href="https://nursing.missouri.edu/">https://nursing.missouri.edu/</a>
<b>Arts and Sciences:</b> <a href="https://coas.missouri.edu/">https://coas.missouri.edu/</a>	<b>Medicine:</b> <a href="https://medicine.missouri.edu/">https://medicine.missouri.edu/</a>	<b>Human and Environmental Science:</b> <a href="https://hes.missouri.edu/">https://hes.missouri.edu/</a>	<b>Law:</b> <a href="https://law.missouri.edu/">https://law.missouri.edu/</a>
<b>Engineering:</b> <a href="https://engineering.missouri.edu/">https://engineering.missouri.edu/</a>	<b>Journalism:</b> <a href="https://journalism.missouri.edu/">https://journalism.missouri.edu/</a>	<b>Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources:</b> <a href="https://cafnr.missouri.edu">https://cafnr.missouri.edu</a>	

**Not exactly sure what career path you seek?** No problem! We want you to take advantage of this opportunity to explore a variety of areas of study or careers that may interest you to maximize your experience. The Audrey Walton Youth Leadership organization takes pride in helping young leaders of today take steps towards fulfilling their goals. At AWYLC, you can explore different major and career options to you identify the right career path for you.



## EXCELLENT EXPECTATIONS FORM



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 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 10:30 PM. This demonstrates my courtesy for the other guests in the residence hall.

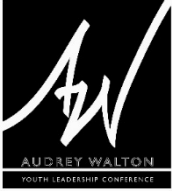
I commit to doing my very best to fulfill the **EXCELLENT EXPECTATIONS** of this conference. Doing so will enable me to receive the maximum benefits from the **AUDREY WALTON YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**. I understand that if I do not choose to commit myself to the **EXCELLENT EXPECTATIONS** of the conference,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

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*Applicant Signature*

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*Date*



**MEDICAL RELEASE FORM**

**2023 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 Mikayla Reed at: [mmrf4y@umsystem.edu](mailto:mmrf4y@umsystem.edu).

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

We may take photos and videos during the event. I hereby grant the Show-Me STATE GAMES permission to use photographs and videos of the participant at the event for social media, website, marketing, advertising, or print use. I understand that I will not receive compensation for use of these images.

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Conference Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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...***

### **Housing and Meals:**

Participants will stay in air-conditioned residence halls during the conference. Participants will be assigned a roommate of the same gender & housed on separate floors.

Most meals will be provided during the Conference. In addition to special luncheons and banquets, participants will eat in MU Dining Halls or at Conference events, where a variety of foods will be available.

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Below is a schedule of events from a **previous conference**. The 2023 conference will follow a similar schedule and provide the same types of seminars, learning opportunities, and activities. *\*Some schedule changes are expected.*

### **PREVIOUS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

#### **Thursday, July 21, 2022**

9:00 am-10:00 am Arrival and Registration

10:00 am-10:45 am Move-In, Introductions, Expectations

11:00 am-12:00 pm NextGen Precision Tour

12:15 pm-1:00 pm "Get Your Mind Right" Speaker Jerrell Jackson

1:15 pm-1:45 pm MU Admissions Presentation

1:45-3:15 pm Campus Tour

3:30 pm-5:00 pm Career Exploration (Business, Engineering, Arts & Science, Journalism, Health Professions)

5:15 pm-6:30 Dinner on the Town

6:30 pm-6:45 pm Return to Residence Hall

7:00 pm-8:30 pm Evening Activity (Bring your swimsuit and towel!)

8:45 pm-9:45 pm Team Leadership Activity Led by Dr. Scotta Morton

10:00 pm-10:15 pm Room Checks

10:30 pm Lights out

#### **Friday, July 22, 2022**

8:00am-8:45am Breakfast

9:00 am-10:45 am Team Scavenger Hunt

11:00 am-11:30 pm Team Leadership Activity

11:30 pm-12:00 pm MU Bookstore/Free Time

12:30 pm-1:15 pm Lunch

1:30 pm- 2:30 pm "Be Uncommon" MU Head Wrestling Coach Brian Smith

2:30 pm-3:15 pm Leadership Activity

3:30 pm-4:30 pm Guest Speaker - Miss Missouri

4:30 pm-5:00 pm Personal Time for Reflection on Conference

5:00 pm-5:45 pm Pack up and Closing Remarks

6:00 pm Depart Home