



APPLICATION FOR THE BLACK MALE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Black Male Leadership Academy Application Instructions

The 2025 BMLA Summer Institute runs from Friday, July 11, 2025 through Friday, July 18, 2025.

All applications and recommendations must be received by **Friday, June 13, 2025**.

The BMLA application has two important sections:

1. Student Application & Essay

Please complete the application form and make sure you and a parent/or guardian provide your printed names, signatures and dates. Then, attach your responses to the following essay topic: Briefly discuss one of your future goals, why you picked that goal to discuss, what you think are the major obstacles to completing your goal, and how you plan on achieving that goal. Your response should be between 350 to 500 words, typed and double-spaced.

PLEASE NOTE: Mandatory BMLA Parent Meeting on Thursday, July 10th at 7pm via Zoom. Zoom link to be provided at a later date.

2. Teacher/Staff Recommendation

Ask a teacher or high school staff member to complete the recommendation form and return the form to bmla@roosevelt.edu.

Submit your application and essay by **Friday, June 13, 2025** to: bmla@roosevelt.edu.

If you have questions, please contact Angela Short at bmla@roosevelt.edu or 312-341-3800.



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Student/Parent Information (Please print all information)

Student's last name: _____ Student's first name: _____

Street address Unit/Apartment #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home/cell phone: _____

Student's email address: _____

Birthdate (DD/MM/YY): _____

Anticipated high school graduation year: _____ High school Cumulative GPA: _____

Name and title of person completing teacher/staff recommendation form

Signature of student

Date

Name(s) of parent/guardian:

Parent/guardian email address:

Parent/guardian phone:

Signature(s) of parent/guardian

Date

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Student Essay Question

Please attach your response to the following essay topic. Your essay should be between 350 and 500 words, typed and double-spaced:

Briefly discuss one of your future goals, why you picked that goal to discuss, what you think are the major obstacles to completing your goal, and how you plan on achieving that goal.

Submit your essay by **Friday, June 13, 2025** to bmla@roosevelt.edu.

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Black Male Leadership Academy Teacher/Staff Member Recommendation

Dear teacher/staff member:

Roosevelt University, through the St. Clair Drake Center for African and African American Studies, launched the inaugural Black Male Leadership Academy program in the summer of 2014 through the generous support of the Efroymsen Family Fund and Robert and Rose Johnson. Mr. Johnson is a Roosevelt graduate and first African- American executive at Sears Roebuck and Company.

There are two components to the BMLA: The Summer Institute and Second Saturdays. The BMLA is seeking rising sophomores and juniors who demonstrate academic ability, academic potential and leadership characteristics. On the reverse side of this form or in an attached letter, please briefly describe why you think the student applying to the Roosevelt University Black Male Leadership Academy (BMLA) would make a strong candidate for the program.

Once you have completed your recommendation, please submit to Angela Short at bmla@roosevelt.edu.

If you have questions, please contact Angela Short at bmla@roosevelt.edu or 312-341-3800.

*Recommendations are due by **Friday, June 13, 2025**. Thank you for your support and feedback!*

