

BLACK, EDUCATED, SUCCESSFUL, THRIVING (B.E.S.T.) YOUNG MALE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



2024 SUMMER COLLEGE PREP INITIATIVE

About B.E.S.T.

Established in 2024, driven by our dedication to equity and excellence, the Black, Educated, Successful, Thriving (B.E.S.T.) Young Male Enrichment Program is committed to transforming the narrative for Black males in education, career, and beyond, creating a future where every Black male not only survives, but thrives.

The mission of B.E.S.T. is to empower young Black males in Minnesota to excel academically and personally, leading to college graduation and successful entry into professional careers.

Join B.E.S.T.'s 6-Week Summer College Prep Initiative!

Attention Northside Class of 2024 Black male high school students entering college in Fall 2024: Elevate your college experience with the B.E.S.T. summer college prep initiative. Gain the tools and resources essential for success in your first year and beyond.

Free to Participate

All services and resources are provided at no cost to participants.

WE PAY YOU \$1,000!

Participants will receive a \$1,000 stipend for their involvement in the initiative.

Initiative Offerings

Our summer initiative is tailored to the unique experiences of Black male youths and young adults, fostering a supportive community that cultivates success and resilience.

Utilizing a holistic approach, we provide services and resources encompassing:

- ✔ College preparation
- ✔ Career exploration and readiness
- ✔ Life skills training
- ✔ Mentorship opportunities
- ✔ Health and wellbeing initiatives
- ✔ Financial literacy and wealth development

These components are meticulously designed to instill confidence, foster a growth mindset, and prepare participants to overcome the academic, professional, and social challenges of college and adulthood. Staying true to our name, B.E.S.T. is committed to equipping participants with needed resources to not only survive in life, but thrive!

Dates

The initiative runs from June 24th to August 3rd, 2024

Location

Primary program site will be in North Minneapolis with some field trips across the Minneapolis and St. Paul region. Exact site address to be shared with confirmed participants.

Expected Commitment

Participants are expected to be available for meetings and activities for at least two days a week. The exact days and times will be determined based on the recognized need and availability of initiative participants. As B.E.S.T. aims to create flexibility to tailor the experience to participants' needs and lifestyles this summer, we anticipate a high level of commitment, with participants actively engaging, participating, and showing up as their B.E.S.T. selves.

Eligibility

- ✓ Identify as a Black, African American, or African male
- ✓ Class of 2024 graduate of North or Patrick Henry High School
**flexibility for residents of North Minneapolis attending high school elsewhere*
- ✓ Enrolled full-time in a 2 or 4-year college for Fall 2024

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Application deadline: May 27th

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