

# **HBCU Tour FAQ's**

#### 1. What is an HBCU tour, and why should my child attend?

- This tour is organized to visit a selection of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. These tours allow students to learn more about the academic programs, campus life, cultural environment, and unique history of these institutions. Attending an HBCU tour gives students the opportunity to explore potential colleges, meet admissions representatives, and experience first-hand what life might be like at these schools. It also provides an opportunity to connect with peers and role models in the community.

#### 2. How long is the tour?

The tour can range from 5-7 days, depending on the number of schools being visited. We aim to keep the tour to six days, but students/parents will be notified if we have to change to seven.

3. How do I register for the tour?

- Go to this link, <u>Application Link</u>. Must include a letter of recommendation, transcripts, and an essay with 100-300 words.
- 4. What grade levels can join the tour?
- Students that will be seniors, juniors, and sophomores in the 2025 2026 school year.
- 5. Do you have to be a member of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church (FMBC) to go on the tour?
- No, you do not have to be an FMBC Member. The tour is open to students in the community.
- 6. Can parents come on the tour?
- This experience is to prepare the students for college, and thus parents cannot travel with the tour to the schools. Accommodation will be made only for the students and chaperones.
- 7. What if I cannot afford the full tour cost?
- We will have the opportunity for parents/students to receive sponsorships that can cover the cost of the tour, minus the \$250 non-refundable deposit. This will be due by the kick-off meeting.
- 8. Can students be selected to go on the tour without a letter of recommendation, transcript, or essay?
- No. All students must submit the aforementioned documents in order to be selected to go on the tour. The application allows you to go back and submit your transcripts and letter recommendation, but all must be submitted prior to the deadline.
- 9. Can I sponsor students, and/or donate to the tour?

- Yes, you can sponsor a student or donate to the tour. Please reach out <a href="Marquet.dean@fellowshipmb.org">Marquet.dean@fellowshipmb.org</a> for more information.

## 10. What is the policy for medications?

- If your child needs to take medication or becomes sick during the tour, we will have a medical professional that will be able to care for them. There will be a medical release form provided in the permission slips that will allow you to provide any and all details about your child's medical needs.

### 11. What is the student-to-chaperone ratio?

- There will be a 1:3 ratio, with will be 8 chaperones, and 30 students.