

AMERICAN EXPLORERS APPLICATION FORM

Class 2020



Dear Student,

Congratulations on having the courage to consider American Explorers as a way to challenge yourself and explore your potential to become an exceptional leader! We need exceptional leaders who will shape the future and create a better world for all of us. American Explorers aims to help you become the leader that you envision for you, your family, school and community.

The first step to becoming an American Explorer is completing your application with care. This is a very important first step in the process to becoming an American Explorer and if you have any questions about the application process, please feel free to contact us.

American Explorers must receive your completed application by Wednesday, November 30, 2015 Before you submit your application, please make sure that it's complete. Please mail your completed application in the enclosed envelope. Please make a copy of your application before you send it, just in case it is lost or damaged in the mail.

American Explorers is focusing on young leaders from Atlanta's Westside neighborhoods.

You may apply to American Explorers if:

- You reside in any of the following zip codes: 30310, 30311, 30314 or 30318; and
- You are in the eighth (8th) grade.

We greatly appreciate your interest in becoming an American Explorer.

Sincerely,

Kaamel Nuri

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Program Manager

Please make sure your application includes these required items:

- Application - completed and signed by student & parent (Blue)
- Copy of most recent grade report or transcript
- Essay on a separate piece of paper
- Recommendation from teacher, coach, etc. (Red)
- Approval from school administration (Green)

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ADDITIONAL STUDENT/FAMILY INFORMATION (all information will be kept confidential)

ADDITIONAL CONTACT (another adult who can be contacted in case of emergency)

Name of Emergency Contact

Relationship to Student

(_____) _____
Home Phone

(_____) _____
Cell Phone

Student's Ethnicity, please circle:

African American Caucasian

American Indian Hispanic

Asian Other

Other, please specify _____)

Primary Language Spoken at Home, please circle:

English Spanish Other _____

Members of Student's Household, please circle:

Mother Father Siblings (#) _____

Grandparents Other _____

Annual household income (please include all family members' contributions):

Less than \$10,000 \$10,000 - \$49,999 \$50,000 - \$99,999 \$100,000 and above

Check boxes for each time slot you are available:

Summer Sessions:

- June 7 – June 28, 2016
- June 23 – July 14, 2016

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STUDENT SECTION – THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT

Is there any additional information you'd like to share for us to consider?

Please tell us why you would like to participate in the American Explorers leadership program?

If you could meet anyone in history, who would you choose and why?

What's the best and worst thing about being a teen?

If you were principal for a day at your school, what would be the one thing you would change and why?



STUDENT ESSAY AND GRADE REPORT – BOTH ITEMS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION TO AMERICAN EXPLORERS.

ESSAY (Please write on separate sheet of paper and include with your application)

Describe the most challenging situation that you have experienced in your life. What happened?
 How did you overcome this situation and who helped you along the way?
 What did you learn about yourself through the process?

- Give your best effort. Your essay is an important part of your application.
- Applications without essays will not be considered.
- Essays should be 1-2 pages in length.
- Type your essay, if possible.
- Please sign and print your name on the essay.

Grade Report/Transcript

Attach a copy of your most recent grade report. If you do not have a copy, please request one from your school. Application would be considered incomplete if not included.

Student & Parent/Guardian Signature Required

In signing this document, I am expressing my interest in being part of the American Explorers program. I understand that American Explorers is a four-year leadership development program and I want to be a positive leader in my community.

If I am selected, I am prepared to attend a 3-week program in North Carolina this summer that includes wilderness backpacking and a leadership-training curriculum. I commit to giving my best effort in exploring my leadership talents and to respecting the journeys of my fellow American Explorers.

I certify that facts contained in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and I understand that falsified statements on this document will automatically eliminate any opportunity for consideration and are grounds for termination from the program.

Student's Signature	Student's Printed Name	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature	Parent/Guardian Printed Name	Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature Required

The support of parents/guardians is invaluable to the success of students applying to American Explorers. Please indicate below your willingness to support your child throughout the admissions process.

Please initial each item below to indicate your agreement:

_____ **Support for Student's Application**

- I understand that American Explorers provides a challenging leadership development program that includes a twenty-two day wilderness expedition. I support my child's application to become an American Explorer.

_____ **Consent to Participate in Interviews**

- I approve of my child's participation in the individual and group interviews.

_____ **Consent to Use Photographs**

- I give my consent to the American Explorers program and Arthur M. Blank family businesses to take my child's picture for identification purposes during the application process. I give the aforementioned permission to use my child's photos, images, film footage and/or voice recording in its marketing materials, promotional films, audio broadcasts, or displays, etc.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Print Name

Date

Please return this application to American Explorers by Wednesday, November 30, 2015.

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