



# YMCA OF CENTRAL FLORIDA TEEN ACHIEVERS

## Overview of the YMCA Teen Achievers

The YMCA of Central Florida Teen Achievers reaches into the heart of the community by recognizing and utilizing the talents of African-American, Hispanic and other adult volunteers who are successful in their careers. Adult Achievers bring a much-needed positive influence into the lives of many young people. Every participant stands to gain something from YMCA Teen Achievers.

### WHAT ARE TEEN ACHIEVERS GOALS:

- To help teens raise their academic expectations
- Expose students to diverse career options
- Interact with mentors whose success and knowledge will inspire students to reach their personal goals
- Assist teens in setting and pursue their post-secondary goals

### TARGET AUDIENCE:

YMCA Teen Achievers enrolls participants in middle and high school, from all income and academic levels to include targeted underserved communities in Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake and Marion Counties. We recruit students that are "under" achievers, "average" achievers and "high" achievers.

### MEETING LOCATIONS:

YMCA Teen Achievers meet at high schools, middle schools, community centers and YMCA's.

### MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

The YMCA Teen Achievers usually meet during the months of September through May. Meeting dates will vary based on the program location to include twice a month on alternate Saturday mornings, after school hours, weekday evenings and other convenient times.

### CORE COMPONENT:

Teen Achievers core component is the relationship established between the Adult Achievers and Teen Achievers during the career cluster and college prep sessions. Below are some of our Career Cluster options:

- Business/Entrepreneurship
- Youth In Government
- Medical/Health Services
- Scholar Baller/Athletes Only
- Post Secondary Prep Sessions
- Toast Masters/SAVE: Students Appreciating the Vocal Experience
- STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
- Communications/Media
- CTE: Career and Technical Education
- Performing Arts/The Art-Full Apprentice
- Criminal Justice/Forensics
- Middle School Achievers 6th – 8th
- Education
- Financial Literacy
- Military/Armed Forces

**PARENT/GUARDIAN EXPECTATIONS:** We host parent workshops at least once a month. Parental participation is vital to the success of everything we do for each child.



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