WELCOME TO BLACKS

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Where Preparation Meets Opportunity

Dear Potential Community Partner:

BLACKS will have 25 students each year entering our program. As part of the program,

BLACKS will partner with community organizations that will host internships. Internships can be during summer months for 9 weeks. Another option is to offer paid internships after school, Monday-Friday for 2-10 hours a week during the school year. This opportunity will give students experience and help them explore career options. For students who will not be furthering their education after high school, it is a hope that some students would be hired on after high school or be given letters of recommendations to pursue other interests. The experience would be valuable either way.

The internships and how they look would look is up to the organization. It can consist of a student working one week in 9 different offices/places. The experience can consist of students working with a mentor for 9 weeks to complete a project. It might even consist of a student job-shadowing different people doing the same job for the 9 weeks.

How many BLACKS students can your organization commit to hosting for the 9 weeks in a paid internship or after school during the school year? Our students will have custodial accounts in which all funds made will be deposited into their accounts so they will have the funds after they graduate to start their life with (an equitable start). Since the priority student is in foster care or at risk of homelessness after high school, the monies will be in their accounts until they graduate high school.

I am hoping that you will be an integral part of changing the outlook for these students who will be in our program.

Thank you for your time and consideration.