

Future Force Program of Urban League of Battle Creek

To apply to become a participant in the Future Force Program, the following must be submitted:

- The following application pages
- The first page of your parents tax return papers(verifies income)
 - 1 person \$46,450
 - 2 persons \$53,100
 - 3 persons \$59,700
 - 4 persons \$66,350
 - 5 persons \$71,650
 - 6 persons \$77,000
- A brief essay of why you want to be a part of the program

Application can be obtained at the Urban League of Battle Creek office or at the Urban League of Battle Creek website-www.ulbc.org

The application can be returned to the Urban League of Battle Creek by:

- Mail: Urban League of Battle Creek
Attn: Kyra Sichinga
172 W. Van Buren St.
Battle Creek, MI 49017
- Fax: 269-962-2228
Attn: Kyra Sichinga
- Email: kyraul@ulbc.org

If you have any questions, please feel free to call: 269-962-5553

Future Force Frequently Asked Q & A's

Q: Is my child eligible if they attend Battle Creek Alternative?

A: Yes

Q: What will happen if my child has other obligations, like sports, Upward Bound, etc. that would cause him/her to miss the Future Force workshops?

A: While we do have a limit on the amount of workshops that can be missed, our goal is not to eliminate participants from the program. We realize that your child may have other obligations so for those students who do, we ask that you let us know... we will do our best to work with you.

Q: I have a friend, cousin, niece, etc. that attends B.C. Central are they eligible to participate in Future Force?

A: Students **must** start at the beginning of their freshman year. Therefore, if your friend, cousin, niece, etc. is a freshman they are definitely welcome.

Q: What if a student transfers to another school and then back to Battle Creek Central are they still eligible?

A: While we encourage consistent enrollment from 9th grade to 12th grade graduation we do realize each situation is unique and we will treat each circumstance as such.

Q: What if a student does not go directly to college after graduating high school?

A: The student must attend WMU in the fall after graduating high school. For whatever reason they choose not to they lose this opportunity to attend WMU on a tuition-free scholarship.

Q: Do students need to bring additional needed materials like paper, pencil, etc. to each workshop?

A: No, all necessary material will be provided by the Urban League of Battle Creek, however should this change parents and students will be notified in an appropriate time frame.

Q: Specifically what type of scholarship is the participant eligible for if they complete the Program?

A: The scholarship with WMU is a tuition-free scholarship. Specifically this means once your child graduates from high school and is accepted into WMU, you (parent/guardian) will only be liable for housing, books, and other fees. During the four years your child is in the Future Force program we will assist you both in identifying other sources of funds to cover these non-tuition-related expenses. Currently the cost to attend WMU for undergraduate studies (122 credit hours) is approximately \$303.00 per credit hour; therefore valuing the Future Force tuition-free scholarship at \$29,088.

**FUTURE FORCE
STUDENT PROFILE**

Student Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ GPA: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Counselor Name: _____

Career Interest(s): _____

College(s) you are interested in attending:

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|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |

Academic strengths: _____

Academic weakness: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Place of Employment: _____

What are your DREAMS: _____

**FUTURE FORCE PROGRAM
EMERGENCY CONTACT**

Student Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Teen Line: _____

Work: _____

Cell Phone: _____

School: _____ **Grade:** _____ **GPA:** _____

Contact in Case of Emergency: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work:** _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Alternate Contact: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work:** _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

<p style="text-align: center;">FUTURE FORCE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT</p>

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that I must:

- Respect the rights of other Future Force students and advisors
- Follow the directives given by Future Force advisors and volunteers
- Attend monthly meeting, arrive on time, and stay the full session
- Conduct myself in a socially appropriate manner
- Serve as an exemplary role model for my younger counterparts
- Bring or mail a copy of my report card to Future Force at the end of each marking period and semester.
- Work to get and/or maintain a 3.0 GPA or better during my high school career.
- Seek immediate assistance when experiencing academic difficulties.
- Call the Urban League office for an absence when I cannot attend a Future Force meeting.
- Participate on Future Force projects, committees, and fundraisers as needed.
- Furthermore, I understand that three (3) violations of any of the above codes of conduct may be grounds for dismissal from the Future Force Program at which time I forfeit all of my Future Force benefits.

Student Signature

Date

<p style="text-align: center;">FUTURE FORCE SIGN-IN POLICY</p>

Meetings/workshops will begin promptly at the designated times.

Any student who must leave early should get approval from the Program Coordinator prior to the start of the session. All others leaving any session early without approval will be verbally warned.

Students who habitually leave sessions early will face dismissal from the program.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN!!

Good attendance is necessary in order to get the most out of the program and qualify for the scholarship.

FUTURE FORCE ATTENDANCE POLICY

Future Force is a pre-college program where good attendance is a requirement in order to be eligible for the WMU scholarship. The bi-weekly meetings are an important component of the Future Force experience. These meetings are designed to encourage you to explore and expand your DREAMS, to allow you to act as positive models/mentors for each other and also to interact with positive adult role models whereby we share information, experiences and fellowship with other students who have achieved academic excellence.

There is an eighty percent (80%) attendance requirement to maintain eligibility for the Future Force program. What this means is that those who drop below this percentage are not meeting the attendance requirement and are no longer eligible for the program. If ever there comes a time when you are closely approaching the 80% cut off, you will be given a written warning. If you get to a point where you are not maintaining the attendance requirement termination from the program will be inevitable.

We understand that there are some instances when absence will occur. Our position is not to implement ways for you to fail; however in order to take full advantage and get the most out of this program good attendance is imperative. We are willing to work with all situations within reason.

Listed below are examples of extra-curricular activities which in moderation, are within reason.

- School related events such as sports, debate, forensics, band, ect.
- Church related activities such as workshop, programs, ect.

*** Missing a Future Force session due to work is not an allowable excuse!!**

If you miss a meeting and would like for the Urban League to consider it excused you must first contact the Urban League office to document why you'll miss the meeting. Secondly, you need to provide the Urban League with something in writing that is signed by an authority figure of the event in which you attended.

Each student received a schedule of tentative meetings dates, please use this as a tool to avoid scheduling conflicts.

By signing this form you are acknowledging that you have read and understand the attendance policy.

Student Signature

Date

FUTURE FORCE PARENT AGREEMENT

As a commitment to my child and the Future Force Program, I agree to the following terms as a condition of his/her continued enrollment in Future Force. I will support my child efforts by:

- Paying the \$25.00 annual commitment fee
- Ensuring regular and on time attendance by my son/daughter at Future Force sessions and activities.
- Submitting my son/daughter report cards as requested by Future Force.
- Allowing my son/daughter to take part in the ACT workshop during the Future Force program year and paying any minimal registration fees required for each workshop.
- Allowing my son/daughter to participate in Future Force sponsored activities and fundraisers.
- Encouraging my son/daughter to take advantage of internship and volunteer opportunities arranged by Future Force and/or volunteer center.
- Attending and participating in financial aid workshops and other parent information sessions.
- Being able to volunteer and/or able to chaperone at least one meeting session when asked by Future Force Coordinator.
- Offering any in-kind service or special talent to support Future Force goals and objectives so as to guarantee success of the program.

Furthermore, I agree to support and encourage all Future Force students to DREAM, pursue academic excellence, to pursue a post-secondary education and to always act as role models and mentors.

Parent Signature

Date

Battle Creek Public Area Schools
Battle Creek, Michigan
(BCCHS, LHS, PHS, HHS)
CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS

This consent must be signed by a parent or guardian of a minor student or by the student if 18 years of age or older.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of Person Giving Consent: _____

Address: _____

PERSON OR PERSONS TO WHOM THE RECORDS MAY BE DISCLOSED: **URBAN LEAGUE OF BATTLE CREEK**

RECORDS TO BE DISCLOSED:

- Transcript
- Report Card
- Test Record

FOR WHAT PURPOSE MAY THESE RECORDS BE USED BY THE PERSON TO WHOM THEY ARE DISCLOSED? _____

I hereby consent to the disclosure of records described above: _____

Signature