The Audrey Walton Youth Leadership Program provides opportunities for Missouri youth (high school juniors and seniors) to gain skills that will assist them in becoming leaders in their communities and schools. Named after and generally sponsored by Audrey Walton, a great leader in her own right, this program promotes the importance of leadership, physical fitness, higher education, and a healthy lifestyle. During the 3-day conference, we will engage in several activities that will encourage the students to step up and be leaders amongst themselves. All of the students will participate in both indoor and outdoor team activities. They will attend a luncheon as well as a dinner banquet where they will have the opportunity to listen to some of our state’s outstanding leaders. The Audrey Walton Youth Leadership Program is certainly an experience that will help any student become a true leader in his or her school and community.

**Conference Dates:** THURSDAY, JULY 19 – SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018 at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Participants will stay in an MU resident hall with an assigned roommate of the same gender and attend the conference’s events at various locations on campus.

**Who Can Apply?** High school students entering their junior or senior year in school for the 2018-2019 school year.

**Cost:** There is little cost to participants. Lodging, transportation to and from the conference, as well as most meals, are provided by the Show-Me STATE GAMES (we send buses to and from the KC and St. Louis areas). Participants will be asked to pay for one meal and any desired snacks they wish to have.

**Due to the large number of applications we receive each year, we ask that students who attended the conference the previous year not apply in order to give a new student a chance to attend.**

How To Apply?

Send completed application including: 1.) Essay, 2.) Student Data Sheet, 3.) One Letter of Recommendation, 4.) Signed Excellent Expectations Form, and 5.) Signed Medical Release Form to:

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT**
Julie White, AWYL Coordinator
whitejul@missouri.edu
(573) 882-2102

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MAY 25, 2018**

**ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

Choose ONE of the following essay questions and answer on separate paper. (About 400 words or 1 page double-spaced is fine.)

A. What is your personal definition of leadership? What characteristics and skills do leaders possess?

B. Describe a situation where you exhibited leadership skills and characteristics that resulted in the successful completion of a project.

C. Discuss why you want to be involved in the Audrey Walton Youth Leadership Conference and how your leadership skills and characteristics would be enhanced by your participation.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance status in early June, 2018. **Space is limited. Applications will be critiqued and participants accepted to attend on a first-come, first-served basis.**
The Show-Me STATE GAMES office must have the 1.) Completed Student Data Sheet, 2.) Essay, 3.) One Letter of Recommendation, 4.) Completed and Signed Medical Release Form, and 5.) Signed Excellent Expectations Form before you will be considered. Please turn in all forms at the same time. Your completed application is due MAY 25, 2018. Applicants will be notified of acceptance status in early June, 2018. Space is limited. Applications will be critiqued and accepted to attend on a first-come, first-served basis.

STUDENT DATA SHEET
Please type or print neatly:

Name: ______________________________ Male:____ Female:____

Home Address: ____________________________________________

City/State/Zip: ____________________________________________

Home Phone: (_______) ________________________________

High School: ______________________________ Grade: JR SR

E-mail Address: ____________________________________________

(CIRCLE FOR ’18-19 YEAR)

High School Counselor: ___________________________________

Are you enrolled in a college bound or career path program? YES _____ NO _____

Circle the t-shirt size you prefer:  S  M  L  XL  XXL  XXXL

PAST LEADERSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES
List any leadership positions you have held in your school, job, or community:

Please rank your top three interests for future career paths (1 to 3….1 being your top interest):

_____ Business  _____ Medicine  _____ Health Sciences (PT/OT, Nursing, etc.)

_____ Education  _____ Engineering  _____ Journalism  _____ Law
These **EXCELLENT EXPECTATIONS** were developed to assist you in receiving all the benefits of the **AUDREY WALTON YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**. Your positive response to these expectations will help you to achieve your personal goals and others will benefit as well!

1. I keep the room assignments as given by the conference staff. I enjoy making new friends and becoming acquainted with others.

2. I am in my residence hall room by the assigned time so that I am fully alert for the next day’s activities.

3. For safety reasons, I stay in groups whenever outside the residence hall, and I will not leave the residence hall without notifying my Team Leader.

4. I am courteous, polite, and considerate of others. As a result, I gain the respect of many other people.

5. I attend all sessions and participate in all activities. My fellow leadership conference participants will be eager to hear about my experiences and what I have learned at the conference.

6. I will arrive at least five minutes early for all sessions. This demonstrates my respect for all conference staff and allows the sessions to begin on time.

7. I report all illnesses, injuries, and other problems to the conference staff so that appropriate action can be taken.

8. I help to project a proper image while visiting other conference participants. I am aware that females are not allowed in males’ rooms and males are not allowed in females’ rooms.

9. I keep my room door locked at night and when I am away from my room. I will have my key with me at all times and will not give it to someone else. This enables my roommates and me to keep our belongings safe.

10. I will keep the noise low in my room after 11:00 PM. This demonstrates my courtesy for the other guests in the residence hall.

I commit to doing my very best to fulfill the **EXCELLENT EXPECTATIONS** of this conference. Doing so will enable me to receive the maximum benefits from the **AUDREY WALTON YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**. I understand that if I do not choose to commit myself to the **EXCELLENT EXPECTATIONS** of the conference, I will have to return home at the expense of my legal guardian.

__________________________________________________________________________

Applicant Signature

Date
MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

Audrey Walton Youth Leadership Conference
2018
Hosted by the Show-Me STATE GAMES and
the University of Missouri-Columbia

Name of Participant: ___________________________ Male: ___ Female: ___

In consideration of my participating in the Audrey Walton Youth Leadership Conference, I, intending to be legally
bound, do hereby for myself, educators and administrators, waive, release, and forever discharge any and all rights
and claims for damages, including any claims for loss, damages, or injury to my person or property arising out of my
participation in the Audrey Walton Youth Leadership Conference, the Show-Me STATE GAMES, the National Sports
Governing bodies, the Curators of the University of Missouri, the owner of the site of any activity I may be
participating in, their agents, representatives, successors and assigns.

I hereby authorize and consent to any first aid, medication, medical treatment, or surgery deemed
necessary in case of emergency.

I understand that I can obtain further information on the program or activity described above by contacting Julie
White at: (573) 882-2102 or whitejul@missouri.edu.

Show-Me STATE GAMES: 1400 S. Rock Quarry Rd., Entrance 5; Columbia, MO, 65211.

Please specify any medical allergies or chronic illnesses you may have. Also, please list any medicines that you must
take as well as complete instructions of the dosage and frequency. These medications should be made known to the
conference staff at the time of arrival. In addition, please note any dietary restrictions (vegetarian, diabetic, kosher,
etc.) as well as any other information the staff should be informed of.

________________________________________________________________________
Signature of Conference Applicant

________________________________________________________________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian

Relationship to Applicant: ___________________________

________________________________________________________________________
In case of emergency, call: ___________________________ at ___________________________
   Name                        Daytime Phone #       Cell Phone #

Allergies/Medical Conditions/Dietary Restrictions: _______________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Medicine(s) to be taken (dosage and frequency): _______________________________________

________________________________________________________________________
You May Be Wondering About...

Transportation to and from the Conference:
Participants will be transported to and from the conference in buses chartered by the Show-Me STATE GAMES. A bus will pick up and drop off St. Louis area participants at a designated spot at the Galleria Shopping Mall. Another bus will pick up and drop off Kansas City area participants at a designated spot to be announced closer to the dates of the Conference. Participants not living in Kansas City or St. Louis have the option of meeting the buses at these designated spots and riding them to Columbia or having a parent/guardian drive them to and from the Conference on their own. All transportation issues will be further discussed once participants are accepted to attend.

Housing and Meals:
Participants will stay in the University of Missouri Residence Halls during the conference. These residence halls will be air-conditioned. Participants will be assigned a roommate of the same gender. All meals will be provided during the Conference. In addition to special luncheons and banquets, participants will eat in the University Dining Halls or at Conference events, where a great variety of foods will be available.

Below you will find the schedule of events from last year's conference. The 2018 conference will roughly follow the same type of schedule and provide the same types of seminars, learning opportunities, and activities. Some schedule changes are expected for the 2018 event.

2017 AUDREY WALTON YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

**DAY 1: HIGHER EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY, JULY 20**

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION  
Mizzou – Wolpers Hall-800 Hitt St.

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.  MOVE IN, INTRODUCTIONS, EXPECTATIONS, AND TEAM MEETINGS

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  LUNCHEON  
Reynolds Alumni Center – Great Room
Opening...............................Karen Butkievich, Coordinator – AWYL Conference
Welcome.............................David Fox, Executive Director – Show-Me STATE GAMES
Special Guest Speaker.....Brian Brown, Mizzou Made
Closing.............................Julie White

1:15 – 3:15 p.m.  MU ADMISSIONS PRESENTATION & CAMPUS TOUR

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.  CAREER EXPLORATION SESSION  
Various Buildings
Medicine, Law, Education, Health Professions, Engineering, Journalism, Business

5:15 – 6:45 p.m.  GET READY FOR BANQUET
Please wear your nice clothes. Be in lobby by 6:45 PM! No later!

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  LEADERSHIP DINNER BANQUET  
Reynolds Alumni Center
Special Guest Speaker.....Gary Link – Special Assistant to the Athletic Director &
Tiger Basketball Color Commentator

9:30 – 10:00 p.m.  TEAM MEETINGS  
Wolpers Hall Lobby

10:00 – 11:00 p.m.  EVENING ACTIVITY  
Location TBA

2017 AUDREY WALTON YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (cont.)
DAY 2: LEADERSHIP & WELLNESS

FRIDAY, JULY 21

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. BREAKFAST Plaza 900 Dining Hall

9:00 – 9:45 a.m. BOOKSTORE TRIP & FREE TIME

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. FITNESS CHALLENGE Peace Park

12:15 – 1:15 p.m. LUNCH Location TBA

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. TRUE COLORS LEADERSHIP PRESENTATION Leadership Auditorium, Student Center

2:45 – 3:15 p.m. TORCH RUN CEREMONY Traditions Plaza

3:15 – 5:00 p.m. TEAM SCAVENGER HUNT MU Campus
   Get to know your team as well as the MU Campus on this challenging activity!

5:00 – 5:45 p.m. PREPARE FOR OPENING CEREMONIES – DEPART ON BUS 6:00 Wear your GREEN colored Audrey Walton Conference T-Shirt

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. OPENING CEREMONIES LINE-UP Mizzou Arena
   Gather in Mizzou Arena to usher in Parade of Athletes into Ceremony

7:00 – 8:15 p.m. SHOW-ME STATE GAMES OPENING CEREMONIES

8:15 p.m. DEPART ON BUS FOR WOLPERS HALL

8:30 – 9:00 p.m. TEAM MEETINGS & DINNER (Delivered) Meet in Lobby

9:00 – 10:30 p.m. EVENING ACTIVITY MU Student Rec Center Aquatic Center
   Swimming at the Tiger Grotto!! Bring your beach towel!!

DAY 3: TEAM BUILDING

SATURDAY, JULY 22

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. BREAKFAST Plaza 900 Dining Hall

9:00 – 9:45 a.m. CHECK OUT/LOAD BUS/BRIEFING Wolpers Hall
   Note: We will not return to the residence hall. Make sure you have everything loaded onto the correct bus.

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. VENTURE OUT Peace Park
   (Wear comfortable shoes)

12:00 – 12:30 p.m. CLOSING AND AWARDS Peace Park

1:00 p.m. EN ROUTE HOME – SNACKS PROVIDED