



Frequently Asked Questions

WHEN

The Abracadabra College Tour will take place on **June 3rd – 7th, 2019.**

WHERE

The trip will include tours and visits of eleven (11) college campuses across two states, including Lake Technical College, LSSC, USF (or St. Leo), UF, FSU, FAMU, Emory (or SCAD) Spelman College, Clark-Atlanta University, UNF and Valencia College. On the tour, we will spend approximately 2 hours on each campus.

WHAT HAPPENS ON THE TOUR

We meet with an admissions counselor from each school. At the meeting, students are able to ask questions regarding financial aid, options for choosing a major, grade point average restrictions, and testing requirements. They also pick up literature about the prospective college. After the meeting, we take a tour of the campus by visiting dorms, classrooms, student unions, cafeterias, and other important venues on campus. Students will also participate in breakout mentoring sessions with volunteers and in four cultural enrichment excursions. The excursions will include touring the Florida Capital Building, the Martin Luther King Center & Memorial and our Dining with Fairies Excursion – a night of dining, mentoring, and making of memories.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST

The tour cost per individual, without sponsorship or funding, is \$525.

The tour cost includes all materials and supplies, roundtrip deluxe motor coach transportation, four nights hotel accommodations (at Marriott Hotel properties), t-shirts, all meals, admission to the cultural enrichment excursions, and applicable taxes and gratuities. After paying the tour cost, you will not need to provide your child with any additional monies for the tour, unless you so desire.

A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required for each tour participant.

After making the initial \$100 non-refundable deposit, the tour balance is payable in equal monthly installments, with amount to be determined based on months remaining from date of initial deposit through May 31st, 2019, when balance is to be paid in full.

Refunds (minus the deposit) are paid in full if tour participants cancel prior to 61 days before departure. Tour participants who cancel 61 days to 31 days prior to departure will forfeit 50% of all payments to date plus the non-refundable deposit. No refund is given to tour participants who cancel 30 days prior to departure unless a suitable replacement can be found. Each tour participant must be **paid in full by May 31st, 2019.**

WHO IS GOING ON THE TOUR

At this time, the tour is limited to 28 high school girls. The minimum age for participating is 16 years old. The best time to send your child on the trip is during their 10th or 11th grade years. The trip is chaperoned at a minimum student to chaperone ratio of 1 to 8. Every chaperone is carefully selected by Abracadabra and has experience working with youth through either their schools or the churches they attend. A background check is conducted on each chaperone to ensure the safety of the students.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The hotel information, including locations and contact information, as well as a detailed itinerary is given to each tour participant and their parent at the mandatory orientation. All hotels are 3-4 Star Marriott Brand Properties.

MANDATORY ORIENTATION

The mandatory orientation takes place approximately 30 days prior to departure. Students participating must turn in two forms prior to or on the day of the mandatory orientation meeting. The two forms are: 1) the medical consent form and 2) the student code of conduct. Abracadabra will carry professional liability insurance.

IS MY DONATION A TAX WRITE-OFF

Abracadabra Foundation is a non-profit 501c3. All donors can write off their charitable contribution towards a child's trip, if paid directly to the Abracadabra Foundation. Relatives wishing to make a donation to your child's trip must include a note with your child's name and a statement that they are donating to the College Tour. Donations of \$150 or more will receive, a donation letter acknowledging receipt of the donation.

DEADLINE

We do not currently have a deadline for registration, but space is limited to twenty-eight (28) participants, so we encourage those who are interested to sign up as soon as possible for this transformational experience.

HOW DO I GET STARTED

Please send in a completed registration form plus \$100 non-refundable deposit made payable to the Abracadabra Foundation to 32106 Spring Meadow Court, Sorrento, FL 32776. Once your registration is received, we will send you a tour package which will include a Donation Letter, Flyer, and Postcards for you to copy and disseminate to help you in your fundraising efforts, a Pre-departure check list, a contract agreement spelling out rules and regulations, and additional forms to complete.

CONTACTS

Should you wish to learn more information or have additional questions about Abracadabra- The College Tour, please contact Mary Salter at 352-551-5569 or AbracadabraFoundation@gmail.com , or visit our website at www.AbracadabraFoundation.com.