



## HUMAN RITES OF PASSAGE™ PROGRAM

*Every Boy Needs a Rites of Passage*



Middle School boys of color face a plethora of challenges that can prevent even the best and brightest young men from reaching their full potential. The **HūMan Rites of Passage™ Program** is available to strategically strengthen young men, starting in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, for success at this critical transition in their life!

Empowering them through our **Core<sup>4</sup>**, we focus on building **character, competitiveness, competence and citizenship**.

Monthly sessions include personal storytelling, legal awareness in traffic stops, money matters, entrepreneurship, a college tour, and public speaking in multiple languages.

### APPLY NOW FOR THE 2024-2025 COHORT

12 young men selected through a competitive application process

Sessions are offered monthly, on the third Saturday

Year-long program  
Cost is \$3,000  
Scholarships available  
(based on income)

Participants build social capital through new experiences, networking and mentoring

**SUBMIT APPLICATION BY APRIL 1, 2024 AT [WWW.TROPF.ORG](http://WWW.TROPF.ORG)**

## PARTICIPANT BENEFITS

- Build confidence and develop leadership skills
- Positive racial identity and self-advocacy
- Life-long brotherhood, mentorship and expanded social network
- Preparedness for high school and beyond
- Exploration of careers through interest and skill development
- Strong money management and entrepreneurship foundation

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Increased confidence and empowerment to become the best versions of themselves
- Greater connectedness, sense of trust and belonging
- Highly sought after for boarding, independent, and magnet schools and universities
- 100% of young men have a male mentor in their career of interest
- At least \$500 in a teen checking account based on learned money-management techniques

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Commitment to participate in monthly sessions
- Double seed capital to support entrepreneurial endeavors
- Be open to new experiences and meeting new people
- Dress for Success, wearing attire provided by TROPF
- Have fun!

## PARENT EXPECTATIONS

- Nurture your son while allowing him to grow (Be supportive but don't do his work)
- Recruit and mentor new families in the program
- Volunteer for at least one session as a speaker or chaperone; serve as mentor
- Father or significant male figure speaks words of encouragement at the culminating ceremony
- Pay it forward for the next cohort of young men who could benefit from the program

## CURRICULUM BREAKDOWN

Our multifaceted program includes **nine focus areas of development: social, physical, intellectual, civic, economic, spiritual, moral, cultural and global.** Participants meet the third Saturday of each month, with the exception of a few sessions that are overnight.

FOCUS AREA	SESSION TOPIC	FOCUS AREA	SESSION TOPIC
Physical	Fueling Your Body	Economic	Small Business Pitch Competition
Intellectual	Emotional Intelligence/ Strategic Thinking	Cultural/Global	Know Your Narrative
Economic	Money Matters	Spiritual/Social	Leadership on the Line
Social	Social Etiquette	Intellectual	College Tour (location varies each year)
Civic	Legal Awareness and Advocacy	Moral/Physical/Social	Life and Survival Skills

Submit your application to [www.tropf.org](http://www.tropf.org) by April 1 to secure a spot for your son in the next cohort.

