



February 2025

Dear AAYI Families,

We are thrilled to invite your student to return for another enriching summer with the **African American Youth Initiative (AAYI)**, a **four-year summer college experience** designed to foster academic excellence, leadership, and personal growth.

As a valued participant in previous years, your student already understands the **AAYI mission**—to uplift and empower African American youth through engaging workshops, inspiring speakers, and interactive activities that build the confidence and skills necessary for success in higher education. This year's institute will occur **at Concordia University in Mequon, WI, from July 22nd to July 25th, 2025.**

Program Highlights for Returning Students:

- ✓ Stay in dorms on a college campus for an immersive experience
- ✓ Participate in **advanced workshops** that build on previous years' learning
- ✓ Engage in meaningful discussions and mentorship opportunities
- ✓ Reconnect with peers and continue developing leadership and academic skills

Application & Fee Information: *NEW THIS YEAR!*

To confirm your student's participation, please complete the **returning student [application form](#)** and submit the **non-refundable \$25.00 application fee**. This fee applies to **all students, including returning participants**, and applications **will not be considered** without payment. Both items are required before **March 14th** to reserve your child's spot for the summer institute.

Contact Information:

If you have any questions, please contact:

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We are excited to welcome your student back for another transformative summer! Thank you for your continued support of AAYI.

Sincerely,

Amanda & Randee 😊