

2026 Spring HBCU & MSI College & Culture Tour Application

Date:					
Full Name:					
School:					
Grade:	11th grade				
PSUSD Email:					
Date of Birth					
Student ID #:					
Gender:					
Ethnicity/Race: (select all that apply)					
T-Shirt Size (unisex):	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large	XX-Large
Parent Name:					
Parent Email:					
Parent Phone:	Alt:				

The Tour will be Friday, March 27th (leaving school early), through Friday, April 3rd, 2026. **Participation Requirements:**

- 2.5 Minimum GPA requirement
- 11th grade student
- No D's, F's, or U's on progress reports and report cards
- Outstanding citizenship
- Must attend all group meetings on time:
 - November 17, 2025 - February 23, 2026
 - December 1, 2025 - March 16, 2026
 - January 26, 2026 - March 23, 2026 (Parent Meeting on ZOOM)
 - February 9, 2026

Meetings are from 5 pm to 7 pm at the District Office Service
Center: 150 District Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262

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1 Letter of Recommendation (1) *Cannot be written by a relative

Participation in extracurricular activities

Application packet deadline: Wednesday, October 29th

No late applications are accepted.

All participants must attend the evening Board of Education meeting (May 2025)

If you do not submit all required documents, your application will not be considered.

Your completed College and Culture Tour application must be submitted electronically, in a single email, to CCR@psusd.us with the following attachments:

College and Culture Tour Application (including responses to all prompts)

1 Letter of Recommendation (not written by a relative)

[Field trip notice & medical authorization form](#)

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Type your response to the prompts in this document. All prompts must be answered to be considered. Be sure to review the rubric below.

Response #1 (200 words max):

What barriers do you feel may prohibit you from applying/attending a four-year university?

Response #2 (200 words max):

Give a specific example of a time in your life when you overcame a difficult obstacle or situation.

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Response #3 (200 words max):

Capturing your hopes and dreams, what do you envision to be your perfect academic college experience?

Response #4 (100 words max):

Why should we choose you to represent PSUSD on the College and Culture tour?

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Rubric:

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Quality of response	Responses demonstrate little to no thought. Lacks effort. Does not answer the prompts.	Responses demonstrate some thought and effort were made. There is very little information about who the student is and why the student wants to participate in the tour. The response is brief about future goals. Some parts of the prompts are answered.	Responses demonstrate thoughtfulness and effort. There is a short explanation of who the student is and why the student wants to participate in the tour. There is some information provided about future goals. All parts of the prompts are answered.	Responses demonstrate thoughtfulness, reflection, and effort. There is a clear explanation of who the student is and why the student wants to participate in the tour. Future goals are clear. All parts of the prompts are thoroughly answered.
Organization	Responses are unorganized and hard to follow.	Responses have some organization.	Responses are organized.	Responses are organized and easy to follow.
Mechanics	Multiple grammatical errors.	Few grammatical errors.	One or two grammatical errors.	No grammatical errors are made.