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CHILD WITH PARENT COLLEGE VISITATION GRANT
A CECAAL CHILD WITH PARENT COLLEGE VISITATION GRANT
FOR PHILADELPHIA RESIDENTS ONLY



If you are or know of a high school student or parent of a high schooler (under age 18) who have a need for private or targeted college visitation to 1-2 colleges within 300 miles of Philadelphia, PA and they are a resident of Philadelphia consider this travel grant. **Only 15-30 child with parent "sets" are expected to be selected for this college visitation grant and the student's *Pre-Interview Application* (as found at: <http://ow.ly/AXNE6>) must be received by 09/21/14 to be considered.** Some trips may be combined for a more efficient use of funds. ***NOTE: If awarded, your assigned but negotiated visitation date(s) are to take place between January 20, 2015 and March 27, 2015 with few, if any, exceptions. In other words, if you need to visit your college choices immediately, this is may not be the right program for you.***

CECAAL College Tours has for a fourth year received a program grant from the City of Philadelphia's S.C.O.P. Program to be used for high schoolers with their supervising parent for a low-cost 1-day trip to the top 1 or 2 college campuses of their choice (lunch often included). This

is to assist the high school child in the college decision making process by allowing for their supervising parent to also take part in the information session, campus tour, etc., which can help strengthen a student’s resolve and support concerning college attendance. The college(s) must be from 1-300 miles from the child’s Philadelphia home and can be completed in under a day as escorted by CECAAL College Tours. Awardees from former years may re-apply.

The cost is **FREE** (if colleges are under 25 miles away), or a highly reduced cost (if colleges are 26-300 miles away). If accepted, the chart below is a sampling and estimate as to how the parent/student contribution price is calculated. The grant is not limited solely to the example colleges below. But any college within 300 miles of Philadelphia. **NOTE:** Due to the limited resources of the grant, generally less than one-third awards will be distributed to college visits which are over 100 miles from Philadelphia and over two-thirds of the awards are distributed to those whose college visit is less than 100 miles away.

Distance of College or University From Your Philadelphia Home	Your Cost/Contribution (if chosen)	Sampling of College/University Options By Distance
1-25 Miles	\$0.00 (FREE)	Villanova, Temple, Rowan
26-50 Miles	\$10.00	Princeton, UDel, Immaculata
51-75 Miles	\$20.00	Rutgers, Lincoln, Del State U
76-100 Miles	\$30.00	Kutztown, Millersville
101-125 Miles	\$40.00	Morgan, NYU, Columbia,
126-150 Miles	\$50.00	Georgetown, Howard, Shippensb.
151-175 Miles	\$60.00	UMES, George Mason
176-200 Miles	\$70.00	Penn State, Yale
201-225 Miles	\$80.00	Wesleyan, Univ of Hartford
226-250 Miles	\$90.00	Mansfield, VA Commonwealth
251-275 Miles	\$100.00	Syracuse, Amherst
276-300 Miles	\$110.00	UPitt, Hampton, Harvard, MIT

**Some trips may be reimbursed if overpaid.

**CECAAL Tours provides the service and the transportation.

To qualify for this grant the following criteria must be met:

- ▶ Receive a completed application (found at: <http://goo.gl/ZHcjRn>) by 09/22/13.
- ▶ The Student must be a current high school student (emphasis generally on upperclassmen) and a resident of Philadelphia.
- ▶ An overall GPA of 2.5 (B-) or greater. Proof of GPA may be requested.
- ▶ Priority given to single parent and disabled parent households but not exclusively.
- ▶ Priority given to students of low family household income but not exclusively. Proof of income may be requested.
- ▶ Each family “set” (1 child with 1 parent/guardian) must be available for a written or verbal pre-interview and post-evaluation.
- ▶ All travel must take place within a single 24-hour period.

Our Screening and Acceptance Timeline:

1. 09/21/14 – Deadline to receive an on-time *Pre-Interview Application*.
2. 09/22-30/14 – Review the on-time applications, set-up student/parent phone interviews (as needed), negotiate travel dates, narrow applicants to 15-30 travel awards.
3. 10/01/14 – Announce awardees and send Award Letter/Travel Contract on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 via email.
4. 10/01-08/14 – Return a signed Award Letter no later than October 8, 2013 or the award will be forfeited.
5. Jan 2015 through Mar 2015 – Child With Parent College Visitation Travel Scheduled.

If You Have Any Additional Questions? Please contact the organization by email (cecaalcollegetour@gmail.com) or you can reach me, Rev. Nelson E. Copeland, Jr., President, by phone (1-267-255-3428) or you will be forwarded to a staffer.

NOTE: Also, as a consolation prize, each family “set” which is chosen and those who are not chosen will be additionally awarded the option to attend our forthcoming \$10.00 (per person) comfortable Child with Parent bus trip to Shippensburg University in November. Shippensburg is hosting CECAAL in late November 2013 (dates TBA) and will include an information session, a tour, meeting with admission officials and a complementary lunch.

Sincerely,



Rev. Nelson E. Copeland, Jr.

President, CECAAL ECL FEST College Tours and CollegeVisitation.Com

PS1: Apologies again this year to non-Philadelphia residents. Hopefully we will be able to benefit other counties and states soon.

PS2: A student’s ethnic and faith backgrounds are enhancing not eliminating factors. We seek knowledge of these factors to advance greater overall diversity in our awards.

PS3: CECAAL is a 25 year old tax-exempt educational organization dedicated to college visitation for students and families in need of affordable college visitation options.

PS4: This grant is awarded to CECAAL from the City of Philadelphia’s S.C.O.P office of the Department of Human Services (DHS). As such, there is always the possibility that the City’s granting process may present events out of CECAAL’s control such as a delay of our grant’s funds or even cancel the grant with little notice.

