



Missouri Legislative Black Caucus Foundation Emerging Leaders Conference 2019 Participant Expectations

Understanding that Missouri Legislative Black Caucus Foundation (MLBCF) Emerging Leaders Conference participants are minors, the University of Missouri and MLBCF employ specific rules and expectations to protect the participants and their parents or guardians, as well as the University and MLBCF. Participants who violate these rules will be asked to meet with University of Missouri professional staff members. Violations of these rules can result in a participant's guardians being notified and/or a participant being removed from the conference and asked to return home at his or her guardian's expense.

Please review the following expectations and let our staff know if you have any questions.

- University of Missouri staff members will be working with and supervising the conference participants throughout the week. If at any time you need assistance, have a concern, or an emergency please seek out one of these staff members.
- For safety purposes, identification lanyards must be worn at all times.
- Due to the nature of this conference, a program dress code will be enforced. Please see "Dress Code & What to Bring" document for more information. All attire should be school appropriate.
- Please refrain from using cell phones, iPods, and other personal electronic devices during sessions. **NO TEXTING DURING SESSIONS.** This includes but is not limited to talking on cell phones, texting, and listening to music. Participants found using electronic devices during unapproved times may have their device confiscated and returned at a time as deemed appropriate by program staff.
- Be respectful towards any program staff or presenters you work with or encounter during the program. Please give all presenters your full attention and follow the instructions they provide.
- Making fun of others, teasing, gossip, and threats will not be tolerated. Students who verbally and/or physically threaten or intimidate another student or staff member will be removed from the program.
- Make sure to clean up after yourself in the classrooms, dining hall, and residence hall. Do not write or draw on furniture. Do not remove and/or move furniture from classrooms or residence hall space (unless told otherwise by program staff). Water is permitted in the classrooms, other food and drink is not permitted (unless told otherwise by program staff).

- Do not use foul or obscene language during the conference.
- Please refrain from any physical contact with other participants including but not limited to hand holding, hugging, and kissing.
- Please stay within your designated residence hall space when in the building. This means that you should remain on your assigned residence hall floor and not wander onto other floors or into other residence hall facilities unless told otherwise by conference staff. Other camps will be using various residence hall facilities and we need to respect their space.
- You are allowed to have other program participants of the same gender in your room as long it is okay with your roommate. **You are NOT allowed to have guests of the opposite gender in your room at any time.** Other room guest must leave by 10pm.
- No visitors or guests from off-campus and/or unaffiliated with the MLBCF Emerging Leaders Conference are permitted.
- Lost keys to a residence hall room must be replaced at your personal expense of \$25.00.
- Each student has a right to an atmosphere conducive to sleep after 10 pm. Quiet hours are violated by activities such as shouting or yelling in the hallways, a gathering of residents in someone's room with the result of noise being heard in the hallways, and any other activity that might disturb the peace of fellow residents.
- Athletic activity of any kind (wrestling, Frisbee or ball throwing etc.) is not allowed in the residence hall facilities.
- All students must be in their assigned rooms with lights out by 11 pm. No food should be ordered after this time. Students caught leaving the building after 11 pm will be dismissed from the program.
- Students must be escorted by program staff at all times. Do not leave the residence hall, dining hall, or program facility without being escorted by a program staff member.
- Alcohol use is not permitted. State law does not permit use or possession of alcohol by anyone under the age of 21. Smoking is prohibited. State law does not permit the use or possession of tobacco products by anyone under the age of 18. The use of illegal drugs is forbidden by the University. The sharing of medication (prescribed or over the counter) is also prohibited.
- Fire alarm systems and other building installed fire equipment such as fire hose cabinets, portable fire extinguishers and sprinkler systems are installed in buildings for life, safety, and protection of all occupants. Malicious tampering with or misuse of these devices and system components will result in severe disciplinary action including dismissal of all persons involved.
- The University of Missouri and MLBCF are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property.