

How did you hear about this program? (Check all that apply)

- Media (radio, print)
- Church
- School counselor, teacher, advisor
- ECYP website
- ECYP Alumni
- Other (Please specify) _____
- Relative or friends

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. List all extracurricular activities including: extracurricular school-based activities, work experiences, volunteer work, and community affiliations using the chart below.

DATES	ACTIVITIES	POSITION HELD

2. List any significant honors or awards you have received for either academic or extracurricular activities.

3. What qualifications do you possess that make you a strong candidate for the Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel?

EDUCATIONAL GOALS

What do you plan to do upon graduating high school?

- ◇ Four-year College/University
- ◇ Technical College/Trade School
- ◇ Two-year Community College
- ◇ Find a job
- ◇ Don't Know/Not Sure

If you have thought of continuing your education, list the institutions where you would like to enroll, list them in order of preference.

1. Institution's Name: _____ City/State: _____
2. Institution's Name: _____ City/State: _____
3. Institution's Name: _____ City/State: _____

SHORT ANSWER (Complete each question. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

1. List your hobbies and special talents. Why are they important to you?
2. What makes an individual a good leader? Please provide specific examples of good leadership and role models. What leadership characteristics do these individuals share? How have they influenced your personal goals?
3. Describe a situation in which you played a leadership role and what you learned from the experience.
4. Upon graduation from the Elijah Cummings Youth Program In Israel, how will you serve as an Ambassador to increase diversity and improve relationships between Jews, Blacks, and other cultural-ethnic-religious groups?
5. During the Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel, you will travel abroad with a group from Baltimore. What are your strengths and weaknesses when working with a group?
6. Have you ever traveled outside of the MD area? If so, where and why?
7. What are your views on African Americans and the Jewish community? What are some of your thoughts about Israel? How do you think you will benefit from your trip to Israel?
8. What do you consider the most challenging issues that teens face today? Please describe. What steps do you believe students can take to address these situations?
9. Discuss a challenge you faced in your life. How did you overcome this obstacle?
10. What would you hope to gain, if selected to participate, from the Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel?



ELIJAH CUMMINGS YOUTH PROGRAM IN ISRAEL

Letter of Recommendation

Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel
5750 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215
410.542.4850 · kwells@baltjc.org · www.ecyp.org

REFERENCES

Please submit two (2) letters of recommendation. References can be an academic advisor, teacher, counselor, mentor, or employer. A letter of recommendation should be completed and submitted with this form. Please make certain that your references sign and seal your letters of recommendation in the enclosed envelopes. Submit your sealed recommendation forms and letters with your completed application to the Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel by the **March 30, 2009** deadline. Your letters of recommendation and short answer questions are critical components in our decision.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

REFERENCE INFORMATION

Name: _____

Institution/Company: _____

Title: _____ How long have you known the applicant? _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Alternate Phone/Facsimile: _____

Email Address: _____

How do you know this applicant? _____

REQUIRED CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE

Applicant must read and sign below to be considered eligible.

Applicant Certification and Release of Information

- ◇ I certify that all the information on this application is true and completed to the best of my knowledge.
- ◇ I certify that I live or go to school in the 7th congressional district. (For more information, please visit www.house.gov/writerep to verify that you are in Maryland's 7th district and are represented by The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings.)
- ◇ I understand that if selected it is mandatory that I attend two (2) meetings monthly and participate in community service activities during my 11th and 12th grade.
- ◇ I accept the role of an ambassador, participating in at least 3 public-speaking engagements.
- ◇ I hereby authorize ECYP to share or publish portions of my application for the purpose of evaluation, recruitment, public relations, possible scholarship and internship opportunities, or any other related activity.

Applicant's Name:

[Print]

[Signature]

[Date]

Parent/Guardian's Name:

[Print]

[Signature]

[Date]

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Mail your application package by the **March 30, 2009** deadline to:

**Elijah Cummings Youth Program
5750 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215-3930**

Enclose all of the items listed below in your application package.
Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

- ◇ Application and Short Essays
- ◇ 2 Letters of Recommendation
- ◇ Required Certification and Release
- ◇ Official School Transcript

For more information about the Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel, please visit our website at www.ecyp.org. Any questions, please contact Keita S. Wells at (410) 542-4850 or kwells@baltjc.org.