



E'Ryn
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**Butterfly
Rites of
Passage
Ceremony
Application
Packet**



Founder and Director
Nyree McQueen-Edwards

Welcome 2018-2019 Butterflies!

As founder of E'Ryn Leadership Foundation, and Blind Faith program for girls, it is with honor that I congratulate you as you begin your journey to your first Rites of Passage. The next few months will be filled with exciting events and opportunities for you to grow socially, mentally, and emotionally.

Being a teenager has its rewards and challenges. You are able to make more decisions on your own, while at the same time being given additional responsibilities. Your circle of friends seems to be getting larger and people come to you for advice. Sometimes you make the right decision, and other times you may make a mistake. More importantly, knowing who you can turn to, or depend on when you face difficult situations is key.

A rite of passage marks a point in one's life where they move from one stage into another. In your case you are coming out of your cocoon and becoming a beautiful butterfly. So, as you begin this journey know that your life has a purpose, and you are destined to be great and successful; success which is not measured by what you have, but what you give of yourself. And when you see times get rough and you have the urge to quit or give up, have a little faith that you can push through those hard times and persevere.

I'm so excited for you!

Sincerely,

Ms. Nyree





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Application Packet Instructions

Application Packet Contents

This application packet consists of 5 sections:

- I. Letter from the Director
- II. Application Packet Contents and Instructions
- III. Introduction, and Application Requirements
- IV. Statement of Commitment
- V. Souvenir Ad Book Form and Souvenir Ad Book Sample Letter

Instructions

- Please confirm that you have all 5 sections (9 pages including cover page)
- Both applicant and parent/guardian should read packet in its entirety and sign where applicable
- Parents/Guardians please mark your calendars for the Informational Luncheon September 8, 2019
 - Here all of your questions regarding to the packet and deadline will be answered.
 - Here you may pay your commitment fee
- Submit application and commitment fee to E'Ryn Leadership Foundation by October 1, 2019
- Family should discuss who will make up your Village. Your Village are your trusted professionals and experts in the six principles of the rites of passage.
- Review Rites of Passage Handbook with your Village.
- Child should compose fundraising letter (a sample is included in the packet for a guide) and mail it out with a copy of the Souvenir Ad Book form. Money collected must be submitted to E'Ryn Leadership Foundation by December 1, 2018. Ads submitted with missing ad payments will not be printed. All ads are printed in full color.

For questions please contact:
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General Information

Introductions

E'Ryn Leadership Foundation, Inc., was founded by Nyree D. McQueen-Edwards, a native of Chicago, Illinois, and a loving mother of one daughter, Assata Sicily Ladson. With a Bachelor's in Sociology, a Master's in Interrelated Special Education, and a Specialist in Teacher Leadership, her personal and professional experiences continue to contribute to her desire to effect positive change; considering the many dilemmas associated with parent/family involvement in education, as well as the lack of effective communication between essential key players. It is her mission to implement programs which will help sustain a healthy mental, emotional, spiritual, and personal lifestyle in its participants.

The **E'RYN Leadership Foundation (ELF)** builds and sustains programs which foster academic excellence, character education, and emotional solidity. The mission of E'Ryn Leadership Foundation is to increase academic performance of participants, reduce/eliminate suspensions, expulsions and disciplinary referrals for participants, reduce juvenile crime in participating communities, introduce socially desirable lifestyles to participants and provide a 48-hour refuge in participating communities.

Blind Faith, a program under **ELF**, was developed to help urban and inner-city girls see their potential, achieve their goals, and be of service to someone else. Our philosophy on the strength of character education and parental involvement is our platform for academic achievement and behavioral excellence. We seek to build upon these efforts by maintaining and fostering collaborative relationships between the family and the community.

Rites of Passage

In 2018, **E'Ryn Leadership Foundation** developed the **Rites of Passage** to celebrate girls as they move from one stage to another. During the ceremony the Village will give a charge which will hold the youth accountable to the six principles: relationships, friendships, spirituality, virtue, education and fiscal responsibility.



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Butterfly Rites of Passage Ceremony *Requirements*



Participant Qualifications

Participant must be in good academic standing.
Participant must be in the 8th grade, or the age of 13 by April 13, 2019.



Application Packet

Application packet must read and signed by both participant and parent/guardian.
Application must be submitted with a \$20 non-refundable commitment fee.
Application must be submitted by October 1, 2018.



Participant/Parent Requirement

Participant must learn the six principles of the Rites of Passage and Quotes.
Participant must to the best of her ability raise \$1000 in souvenir ad book sales, and \$250 in ticket sales.
Participant must be committed to all rites of passage activities and cornerstone service project.
Parent must assist participant with Village development.
Parents must assist Village participants with commitment requirements.
Parents must review Rites of Passage Handbook with Village and participant.



Attire

Participant must follow dress code instructions as given by E'Ryn Leadership Foundation.



Rehearsal

Participant must attend all rehearsals (dates are subject to change).
Friday March 29, 2019 7-8pm @ E'Ryn Leadership Foundation.
Friday April 5, 2019 7-8pm @ E'Ryn Leadership Foundation.
Friday April 11, 2019 7-8pm @ Location TBA.



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Butterfly Rites of Passage Ceremony *Application*

The time is here for the first annual E'Ryn Leadership Foundation Fundraiser. E'Ryn Leadership Foundation and Blind Faith would like to thank you for your interest in the inaugural Butterfly Rites of Passage Ceremony. We cordially invite you to our Rites of Passage Luncheon on September 8, 2018 at 2 o'clock p.m. at 821 Stonebranch Drive., Loganville, IL 30052, where the application packet, qualifications, and requirements will be reviewed. We look forward to sharing this journey with you.

Application Information

Applicant Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Cell Number _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ School _____

Special Talent, Hobbies or Interests:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Parent / Guardian Information

Parent / Guardian Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

(write "same" if same as applicant)

Parent / Guardian Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

(write "same" if same as applicant)



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Statement of Commitment

Applicant Agreement

I, _____ (print name), understand the dedication of others for success on my behalf in my journey through the Rights of Passage as set forth by E'Ryn Leadership Foundation. I understand that I am making a commitment to full participation in activities and fundraising to the best of my ability.

I understand that I am expected to conduct myself in an appropriate manor and unfavorable behavior of any kind will result in automatic dismissal from the program without commitment fee refund.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Agreement

I, _____ (print name), legal parent or guardian of

_____ (applicant's name) understand the dedication of others for success on my daughters behalf of her Rights of Passage as set forth by E'Ryn Leadership Foundation. I understand that I am making a commitment to full participation in activities and fundraising to the best of my ability.

I understand that my daughter is expected to conduct herself in an appropriate manor and unfavorable behavior of any kind will result in automatic dismissal from the program without a commitment fee refund.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Non-Refundable Commitment Fee Payment \$20

Method of Payments:

Paypal

Cash

Make Checks Payable to: E'Ryn Leadership Foundation

You will receive an email receipt upon payment. Thank you.



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Butterfly Rites of Passage Ceremony *Souvenir Ad Book Form*

On behalf of the E'Ryn Leadership Foundation Fundraising Committee, we thank you for supporting our 1st Annual Butterfly Rites of Passage Ceremony. The proceeds from this Souvenir Ad Book will be used to expand the foundation's programs.

Donation made by (Business Name or Person) _____

Contact Person _____

Email _____ Cell Number _____

Address _____

SELECT AD: ALL ADS ARE FULL COLOR

Donation Amt.
\$ _____

Qtr Page(\$25)
of Ad Pages _____

Half Page(\$50)
of Ad Pages _____

Full Page(\$100)
of Ad Pages _____

Front-inside Cover
\$250

Back-inside Cover
\$250

Back-outside Cover
\$300

Method of Payments:

Paypal www.erynleadershipfoundation.com (Click Donate)

Cash \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: E'Ryn Leadership Foundation

E'Ryn Leadership Foundation FEIN: 453 866 434

You will receive an email receipt upon payment. Thank you.

Please submit all ad payments, ads, and donations by December 1, 2018

The Souvenir Booklet will be 8.5" x 11" in color. To make the best book possible, pictures of a picture or distorted pictures will not be accepted. Ads do not have to come graphically designed, but is preferred. Business cards may be used for any size ad and it will be adjusted accordingly. Please email form and ad(s) with payment receipt to melanieswhitebox@gmail.com.



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Souvenir Ad Book Sample Letter

Hello my name is (child name), I will be participating in my first Rites of Passage with E'Ryn Leadership Foundation. The Foundation was founded by Nyree McQueen-Edwards, she believes in developing programs that help young girls be able to reach their full potential. I am one of the young girls fortunate enough to have experienced some of the benefits.

The Rites of Passage is a series of impactful events leading up to a ceremony where I will be charged by my Village and held accountable in the areas of friendships, relationships, spirituality, virtue, education, and fiscal responsibility. Your sponsorship will benefit E'Ryn Leadership Foundation and its programs.

I am asking for your support for this journey by purchasing an ad. Business cards are accepted for any size ad. All ads are full color. Prices for the ads are listed below. Again I thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

(Childs Name)

Quarter Page \$25

Half Page \$50

Full Page \$100 (includes ticket to Butterfly Rites of Passage Ceremony and souvenir ad booklet).

Back Cover \$250 (includes 2 tickets to the Butterfly Rites of Passage Ceremony and 2 souvenir ad booklets).

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