Kwame Charitable Foundation

Week-Long College Tour: Parent & Student FAQ

Tour Dates: March 22 – 26, 2027
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Thank you for giving your student the opportunity to explore college life! This FAQ covers trip costs, accommodations, student expectations, and communication. Details marked **"To be confirmed"** will be reviewed before departure.

Tour Cost & Payments

1. How much does the tour cost?
The total cost is **$550 per student** and includes **transportation and hotel accommodation**.

A **$200 non-refundable deposit is included in the $550 total** and is required to reserve a space. After paying the deposit, the remaining balance is **$350**.

2. How much money should my student bring?
Students are responsible for purchasing **lunch and dinner**. Hotel breakfast is provided.

For planning purposes, budget approximately **$30–$40 per day for lunch and dinner**. Plus money for snacks, souvenirs, and personal purchases. Actual needs will depend on the final itinerary and meal options.

Consider a modest amount of cash and a prepaid or debit card, if appropriate. Discuss a daily spending limit with your student before departure.

Accommodation & Room Assignments

3. Where will students stay?
Students will stay in hotels, with **two students per room**. Hotel names, addresses, and contact information will be shared before departure.

4. Can students choose their roommates?
Yes. Students will be allowed to choose their own roommate. Please submit roommate requests by **Feb. 28, 2027,** so assignments can be finalized.

5. What are the hotel rules and curfew?
Room check-in times, curfew, room visitation rules, and expectations for hotel conduct will be reviewed with students and parents before departure. There will be a Code of Conduct that students and parents are required to sign.

Meals & Dietary Needs

6. Which meals are provided?
Hotels provide breakfast. Students must purchase their own lunch and dinner. Any additional meals included in the tour will be identified on the final itinerary.

7. How will food allergies and dietary restrictions be handled?
Please provide written information about food allergies, dietary restrictions, and any related emergency needs before departure.

Logistics & Supervision

8. Who will supervise the students?
The group will travel with designated adult chaperones. Parents will receive the chaperone roster and contact information before departure.

- **Lead chaperone:** Sonja Lemmie
- **Number of students:** 45
- **Number of adult chaperones:** 5
- **Adult-to-student ratio during campus visits:** 1:9

9. What is the itinerary?
The final itinerary will list campus visits, travel times, hotels, meal stops, planned activities, and check-in times. Parents and students will receive a copy before departure. Changes will be communicated through **email.**

10. Will students have free time?
Any free time will be identified on the itinerary. Before departure, parents and students will receive clear rules about approved areas, supervision, buddy requirements, check-ins, and return times.

11. Can students visit friends or family during the tour?
Written parental consent must be received before the group leaves. Please include the visitor's name, relationship to the student, phone number, requested visit location, and proposed departure and return times.

Parents must also coordinate visit requests with the tour leader to address scheduling, transportation, and student check-out and return procedures. Written consent does not replace that coordination.

12. What happens during an emergency or travel delay?
Parents must provide a primary and alternate emergency contact and keep their phones available during the trip.

To be confirmed before departure: Emergency response procedures, who will contact parents, how urgent medical needs will be handled, and how transportation delays or itinerary changes will be communicated.

Communication & Personal Belongings

13. How often will parents receive updates?
Communication platform:
Update schedule:

Please confirm your current phone number and email address before departure.

14. Can parents contact the tour leader directly?
Yes. For urgent family matters, contact:

Information will be given out before departure.

15. What are the expectations for cell phone use?
Students should bring a charger and, if available, a portable power bank. Phones should be used respectfully during campus presentations and group activities.

16. What happens if a student loses a phone, wallet, ID, or luggage?
Students should report missing items to a chaperone immediately. Families should keep a separate record of important contact numbers and know how to freeze a lost payment card.

Campus Visits & Student Participation

17. Who will lead the campus tours?
The final itinerary will identify whether each visit includes an official admissions tour, a student ambassador, or a group-led campus walk. Tour formats may differ by university.

18. Will students take notes or complete reflections?
We recommend a simple college comparison worksheet covering academic programs, admissions requirements, costs, scholarships, campus life, and overall impressions.

19. Are students encouraged to ask questions?
Yes! Students are encouraged to ask about majors, admissions, financial aid, housing, student support, and campus life. Preparing a few questions before each visit will help them make the most of the experience.

Contact **Sonja Lemmie at kcfhbcutour@gmail.com**.