

The following organizations facilitate the weekly workshops:

- AGL Resources
- Delta Teens
- HESSA
- Live with Purpose
- Mansa Moussa
- NJCASA
- NOBLE
- PMUA
- Private Prep
- Social Justice Matters
- Wells Fargo



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I am an Achiever! - Achiever Pledge



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Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA
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Westfield Area YMCA

Program Overview

Research has shown that teens are more likely to succeed academically and socially when encouraged and guided by adults.

The Achievers program seeks to inspire minority high school teens throughout Union County to become leaders in their community and achieve academic excellence by providing tools and activities that prepares them for life.

HISTORY

The Black Achievers Program began at the Harlem YMCA in 1968 as a conduit to helping youth develop life coping skills and educational goals. The Westfield Area Y began offering the program in 1998 and expanded its partnership with the Plainfield Y in 2016. Beginning Fall 2017 the program will also include the Scotch Plains/Fanwood Y.

Program Goals

Overall, the Achievers Program aims to:

- Build character and sense of self
- Create a channel for community involvement/volunteering
- College Admission preparation assistance
- Develop leadership skills
- Enhance social skills
- Exposure to diverse career options
- Raise academic standards
- Provide minority role models and mentors
- Provides parent engagement and workshops



How to Participate

The Achiever is open to all minority teens (grades 8 - 12) from all social and academic levels in Union County. Teens must complete an application form and be committed to attend and participate in workshops and events. There is no minimum GPA requirement and the program, including SAT Prep and materials, is free of cost.

Graduating HS seniors are eligible to apply for college scholarships both fall/spring semester.

The year-long test prep program follows the academic school year and is offered on a 6 week rotation at each of the participating Y facilities.

Math SAT Prep:
Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm

English SAT Prep:
Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Weekly Workshops:
Wednesdays 7:00 -8:30 pm