



*I am a 5-star ambassador. I represent myself, my family, my community, my school and my race with pride, dignity and excellence.
I am an Achiever! - Achiever Pledge*



PROGRAM LOCATIONS

WESTFIELD AREA YMCA
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ACHIEVERS PROGRAM



**College Readiness, Career Development,
Leadership, Life Skills and Mentoring**

Westfield Area YMCA

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.

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 diverse middle/high school students throughout Union County to become leaders in their community and achieve academic excellence by providing tools and activities that prepares them for life.

The following organizations facilitate the weekly workshops:

- Above Grade Level
- Connell Company
- Discover My Career
- Disney Way Travel
- HESAA
- Homework Assistance
- Lord & Taylor
- PMUA
- Private Prep
- Social Justice Matters
- Test Prep

Program Goals

Overall, the Achievers Program aims to:

- Build character and sense of self
- Create a channel for community involvement/volunteering
- Assist with college admission preparation
- Develop leadership skills
- Enhance social skills
- Expose participants to diverse career options
- Raise academic standards
- Provide role models and mentors
- Provide parent engagement and workshops



How to Participate

The Achiever is open to all minority teens (grades 6 - 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.

Homework Assistance/Math Test Prep:

Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Homework Assistance/English Test Prep:

Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Weekly Workshops:

Wednesdays 7:00 -8:30 pm