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**CHALLENGE & CHAMPIONS PROGRAM**  
**SUMMER 2009 APPLICATION**

*Tell us a little about your child- Please fit your comments in the boxes provided*

Please describe some of your child's interests and hobbies:

Please provide your reasons for enrolling your child in C&C:

Please describe what you hope your child will gain from this experience:

My child's strengths are:

My child's areas for improvement are:

Are there any other issues you would like us to know?

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**SCHOLARSHIP**

I am applying for a scholarship Yes      No      Scholarship amount you will request \$      (If yes, please fill out the separate scholarship form available on the website or through the main Challenge & Champions office and return it.)

**FREE HEALTH SCREENING REQUEST/DECLINATION**

All participants must have a completed health screening form on file before the first day of Challenge & Champions. For those unable to get their child screened due to health insurance issues, a limited number of free screenings will be available. Please indicate below if you will be requesting a free screening and your reason for the need. Please note that you will need to fill out part of the health form and fax it back to the Challenge & Champions main office by June 15, 2009. (The Health Screening Form is available on the website or through the main Challenge & Champions office).

I will be requesting a free health examination Yes      No  
If yes, please explain your need here and sign below

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in a health screening required for full participation in Challenge & Champions activities. This Health screening will be conducted free of charge by a qualified nurse practitioner at the Emory University Student Activity and Academic Center at the Emory Clairmont Campus on Sunday June 21 2009 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending the free screening Yes      No

**EVALUATION and IMPACT STUDY CONSENT/DECLINATION**

All students and parents/guardians will be provided with an opportunity to evaluate the C&C program. Additionally, Challenge & Champions is interested in understanding the impact that it has on the youth who attend. Details on the evaluation are provided on the next pages; please read them carefully. We will be doing the evaluation prior to the start of the program and at the end. Later, we intend to contact you and your child during the 2009-2010 school year to conduct a follow up evaluation of the impact of Challenge & Champions. Please sign below to acknowledge that you have read the evaluation format and content and give or decline consent to allow your child to participate in the evaluation.

*Have read the description of the Evaluation and Impact Study and allow      "do not allow*

*my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in this evaluation and impact study for this summer's program and the 2009-2010 school year. I understand that I may withdraw my consent at any time without loss or termination of my child's participation in any future Challenge & Champions events. I also understand that my child's privacy will be protected because my child's responses will not be reported individually. For the things I do not understand, I have asked for and received a satisfactory explanation.*

Electronic Signature

**COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION**

A completed application includes:

- The application (pages 1-3 of this document)
- A writing sample from your child (See separate writing sample form and have youth complete it)
- The Recommendation form (See separate form which includes a required letter of recommendation)
- The Scholarship form (See and complete separate scholarship request form if applicable)
- \$50 application fee



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Please note that the application is not complete until all materials listed above have been received at the Challenge & Champions main office. All forms are available on the website ([www.ChallengeAndChampions.org](http://www.ChallengeAndChampions.org)) or by calling 404-727-6468 or 404-727-6471. Although we do not require educational records, if you feel that they would be helpful for the teachers to see on a confidential basis, we do accept them and destroy them at the end of the program. Please do not send in original school records that you need returned. Students who are accepted will be notified and will be given this summer's course selection forms and other necessary paperwork to finalize their enrollment.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND PAYMENT**

The cost for Challenge & Champions is \$1200 (\$50 application and \$1150 tuition). There is a 10% discount on tuition for siblings. We strive to provide access to all worthy students irrespective of their ability to pay. However, scholarship funds are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis and when they are depleted, we will not be able to support additional financial requests. For those requesting a scholarship, be aware that we do not provide full scholarships for any child. The Challenge & Champions office will make scholarship allocation decisions in early May and will notify families of amounts provided.

All tuition must be paid in full on or before orientation (June 21, 2009). If we cannot provide the full scholarship requested and this prevents your child from attending, you are eligible to request a refund of your application fee.

Payments can be made by Cash, Check or Money Order. Please make checks/money orders payable to Emory University.

Submit all application materials to  
Challenge & Champions 2009  
c/o Mrs. Jonetta James  
Emory University Division of Educational Studies  
1784 North Decatur Road, Suite 240  
Atlanta GA 30322

### **2009 Program Evaluation and Impact Study Description**

This year we will again formally evaluate the Challenge & Champions program by asking students and parents/guardians their opinions before the first week of the program and at the end of the program. All surveys will be voluntary.

Your child is free to refuse participation. Your child can choose not to answer questions that he/she does not wish to answer. Participation in the evaluation is not required nor does it affect program participation in a positive or negative way but we value your child's and your input to help us improve Challenge & Champions and understand its impact.

We will be asking students and parents for their impressions on the impact that Challenge & Champions has made on them (students) or their child (parents/guardians). Below is a list of the main topics and in parentheses are some examples of the areas we will want to know more about:

- a) Academic success (e.g., trying harder in school, spending more time on homework)
- b) Attitudes and behaviors related to academic success (e.g., getting along with teachers and classmates)
- c) Interest in recreation and sports (enjoying sports and exercise more, spending more time doing sports, exercise or recreation activities)
- d) Learning about others (otherwise known as cultural competency-e.g., feeling more comfortable being around others unlike themselves, knowing more about people of other cultures, races or ethnic groups)
- e) Life skills (e.g., making decisions, setting goals, solving problems)
- f) Positive core values (e.g., caring about the feelings of others, taking responsibility for my actions)
- g) Sense of self (e.g., feeling I can make a difference, Learning I can do things I didn't think I could do before)
- h) C&C program quality (interest in our activities, feeling safe during C&C, level of caring of staff)

There may be some small risk to your child from participating in this evaluation. Some of the questions we ask may be embarrassing or make youth participants feel uncomfortable. For example, a child may not want to respond to a question about their self-esteem or personal behaviors. As stated above, your child has the right to skip (not answer) any of the questions that make him/her embarrassed or uncomfortable.

This program evaluation has been designed specifically for children and is not unlike questions that your child might encounter in school or other such programs. However, if you are at all concerned, you are encouraged to contact Dr. Karen Falkenberg, the C&C Director, at 404-727-6471 or [kfalken@emory.edu](mailto:kfalken@emory.edu) to review the evaluation materials.

All information that your child (or you) provide for the evaluation will be used for statistical and evaluative purposes in such a manner that your child's name (or your name) will not appear anywhere in reports generated by Challenge & Champions. All information your child (or you) provide for evaluation will be kept confidential. There is an exception to the promise of confidentiality: should any information contained in this evaluation be the subject of a court



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order or lawful subpoena, Challenge & Champions might be compelled to disclose information in compliance with the subpoena. This is highly unlikely and would be a very unusual event but we have been advised to mention this in our information to you.

If you have any questions regarding the evaluation or your child's (or your) rights as an evaluation participant, or if you wish to obtain a copy of the entire survey to be used with your child before signing this consent, please contact Dr. Karen Falkenberg and she will provide you with the information.