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March 1, 2010

Dear Prospective PFF Student & Parent/Guardian:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to invite you to apply for the Partnership for the Future (PFF) program. Your hard work in your academic career has earned you the distinct honor of being qualified to participate in this outstanding program and for that, I say congratulations!

Partnership for the Future is a high school internship and college preparation program that began over 16 years ago. In 1995 Alan Kirshner, CEO of Markel Corporation, founded Partnership for the Future as an organization designed to help high school students bridge the academic, financial, and cultural gaps that can be roadblocks to selective colleges and careers. To date, this program is proud of its 99% success rate of students matriculating to college. Our students have proven to be the best and brightest in the metro Richmond area and clearly surpass their peers in being prepared for college.

As you review the *Frequently Asked Questions* located in this packet, you will learn some exciting facts about this program. It is my sincere hope that after reading about what PFF has to offer, you will complete the enclosed application and return it to Partnership for the Future by March 23rd. If there are any questions, do not hesitate to contact our Director of Programs, Serena Walkin at 804-967-2545 or via email at swalkin@partnershipforthefuture.org.

We look forward to receiving your information.

Sincerely,

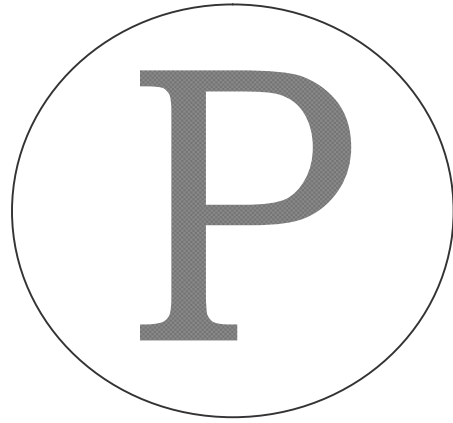


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Application Checklist

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PFF exists to ensure that every motivated student with limited resources has a workplace internship in high school and can attend the college of their choice.

Students apply to the program their freshman (9th grade) year in high school to participate in a two-week long summer program. The first week students participate in the "PFF Summer Institute" receiving personal development workshops while simultaneously working toward their Microsoft Certification. During the remaining summer, students volunteer at a community based site to earn 24 hours of community service.

Upon successful completion of all three components: the week long PFF Summer Institute, completion of 24 hours of community service, and receipt of a Microsoft Certification, students are eligible to participate in PFF's remaining year-round curriculum and *potentially* be placed in a summer internship.

In addition, accepted students attend college prep programs and personal development seminars. Personal development days include exciting speakers and informative workshops on topics ranging from preparing for SATs to personal finance.

PFF participants and their parents/guardians make the following commitments:

- Work toward receiving Microsoft Certification and college credit.
- Being present, on time, productive, and positive throughout the PFF Summer Institute.
- Participation in personal development workshops during the summer and academic year and meeting for one-on-one mentoring.
- Parent participation in college preparation workshops throughout the program.

PFF commits to providing the following to its participants:

- Ongoing training and assistance in the areas of job skills, college preparation, and good citizenship.
- Free Microsoft Certification classes eligible for college credit at participating colleges/universities.
- Opportunity to earn up to 24 hours of community service.

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Partnership for the Future
2010 Application: Basic Information

Please **legibly print or type** the answer to each question. If you need additional space to complete your answer, please attach an additional sheet of paper. You will also need to attach your personal essays. Please refer to page 1 for a complete checklist.

Section I - Personal Essays- Please Answer Both Questions

1. Please **type on a separate sheet of paper**, in 500 words or less, an essay answering the question "What does success mean to you?"
2. Please **type on a separate sheet of paper**, in 500 words or less, an essay answering the question "What are you most passionate about?"

Section 2 – Basic Information

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|---|---------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Name: Last: | | First: | | Middle: |
| School Issued Student ID #:* | | Sex: | Grade: | Date of Birth: |
| Street Address: | | | | |
| City: | State: | Zip: | Home Phone #: | |
| *Please obtain your Student ID number from your School Counselor. Your School Counselor can share this information in the section requiring his/her signature on page three. | | | | |

APPLICATION

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| Name of one Parent/Guardian living with applicant and relationship to student: | |
| Name: | Relationship: |
| Day Phone # of Parent/Guardian and Type (work, cell, etc): | Alternate Phone # and Type (work, cell, etc): |
| Number: () Type: | Number: () Type: |
| Applicant's High School: | School Counselor's Name: |
| How did you first hear about Partnership? _____ _____ | |
| Did you participate in Carver Promise? Please check: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Did you participate in Learning Bridge? Please check: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

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Section 3: Program Participation

Partnership for the Future's Summer Institute is a week long commitment from June 28, 2010 to July 2, 2010. During this week, students receive basic skill and personal quality training while simultaneously working toward their Microsoft Certification. The remaining part of the summer, students are required to volunteer at a community based site and earn up to 24 hours of community service. Only upon successful completion of all three components: the week long PFF Summer Institute, completion of 24 hours of community service, and receipt of a Microsoft Certification will students be eligible for potential internship placement. You will be expected to provide transportation to and from the Institute and stay overnight at the PFF Summer Institute (to be held at Randolph-Macon College).

Do you foresee anything that would prevent you from participating on any of these days (this includes family vacations, doctor's appointments, and any other partial or full day conflicts)?

Please check: Yes No If yes, please give the reason(s):

**Please note that these are the 2010 dates only.*

Partnership for the Future participants are required to attend all of the PFF programs offered during the academic year (equating to approximately one mentoring session per month and one full day Saturday session per quarter). Do you foresee anything that would prevent you from participating in these programs?

Please check: Yes No If yes, please give the reason(s):

School Counselor: Please attach the student's complete transcript to date.

I confirm that the attached high school transcript belongs to the applicant. I also confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the applicant has no summer plans or extracurricular activities that will conflict with Partnership for the Future's participation requirements.

Applicant's Student ID #: _____

Signature of School Counselor:

Date:

I give the applicant my permission to participate in **Partnership for the Future**, should he/she be accepted to the program. I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the applicant has no summer plans or extracurricular activities that will conflict with **Partnership for the Future's** participation requirements. I, or another parent or guardian of the applicant, will attend a **Partnership for the Future** information session where additional information regarding the program's requirements and expectations will be provided. I will ensure that the applicant complies with the requirements of the program and understand that he/she risks forfeiture of **Partnership for the Future** opportunities and/or termination from the program should these requirements go unmet.

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Date:

I have read and understand the **Partnership for the Future** application and program requirements. If chosen, I agree to comply with the requirements of the program. I confirm that I have no summer plans or extracurricular activities that will conflict with **Partnership for the Future's** participation requirements. I understand that I risk forfeiture of **Partnership for the Future** opportunities and/or termination from the program should these requirements go unmet.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Thank you for your interest in Partnership for the Future.

2010 Application: Student Data Form

Please type or write legibly. Collected data will only be reported as a collective whole if used publicly.

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| Name: | High School: |
| Student ID #: | Date of Birth: |

Race/Ethnicity (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African American, Black |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian, Alaskan Native. Please list tribal affiliation: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American, Asian (including Indian subcontinent). Please list Country of Family Origin: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-racial. Please specify: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic, Latino (including Puerto Rican). Country of Family Origin: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White, Anglo, Caucasian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please specify: |

Family Information

Do you have siblings? Please check Yes or No If yes, How many live in your household? _____

What ages (only list siblings 25 years and younger who live in your household)? _____

Have any siblings attended (or are any currently enrolled in) college? Please check Yes or No

If your sibling has attended/is attending college, list the school(s) _____

With whom are you currently living? (Check all that apply)

Mother Father Stepmother Stepfather Other Guardian (Specify: _____)

FAMILY BACKGROUND INFORMATION

(Please specify **ONLY** for the parent/guardian with whom you are **currently living**)

| <i>Please fill in the corresponding information:</i> | Mother Name: | Father Name: | Other Guardian 1 (specify: _____) | Other Guardian 2 (specify: _____) |
|--|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Occupation Type: | | | | |
| Education Level (Place check <input type="checkbox"/> mark beside the highest level attained that applies to specific parent/guardian.) | | | | |
| Indicate college attended, if applicable. | | | | |
| --Attended some high school | | | | |
| --High school graduate | | | | |
| --Attended some college and/or graduated from community college/2 year institution | | | | |
| --Graduated from a 4-Year College/University | | | | |
| --Attended some graduate school | | | | |
| --Completed graduate school | | | | |

Household Income Level

(Please specify **ONLY** for the parent/guardian(s) with whom you are currently living)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Below \$15,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000 - \$39,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 - \$19,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 - \$49,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 - \$29,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 or above |

Do you receive free or reduced lunch? Yes or No

2010 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Understanding Partnership for the Future

What is Partnership for the Future?

Partnership for the Future (PFF) is a high school internship and college preparation program that utilizes a holistic approach to life skills and education. Partnership for the Future's mission is to ensure that every motivated student with limited resources has a workplace internship in high school and can attend the college of his or her choice.

How long has PFF been around?

PFF held its first summer session in 1995 with 12 students and three business sponsors—Markel Corporation, S&K Famous Brands, and Best Products. The program has grown to 150 students with approximately 80 business sponsors.

What happens during the summer?

9th Graders (Rising Sophomores)

Students participate in an exciting program designed to develop their professional skills. The first week students participate in the "PFF Summer Institute" receiving basic skills, thinking skills, and personal development workshops while simultaneously working toward their Microsoft Certification. During the remaining summer, students volunteer at a community based site to earn 24 hours of community service. Only upon successful completion of all three components: the week long PFF Summer Institute, completion of 24 hours of community service, and complete of at least one Microsoft Certification test, students are eligible to move to the next stage of the program and possibly a summer internship the next year!

10th Graders (Rising Juniors)

Eligible PFF students work four days per week (Monday-Thursday) and spend the fifth day (Friday) in PFF-coordinated training. The internship opportunity is at the same company each summer.

What happens at the Friday training?

This eight-hour day of training is designed to include interactive workshops, guest speakers, community service projects, and college visits. Students are encouraged to step outside of their comfort zone and participate in the activities with enthusiasm. First-year students become acclimated to PFF through the Eight Sectors of Life curriculum (1. Self-Identity; 2. Spiritual; 3. Intellectual; 4. Financial; 5. Relational; 6. Emotional; 7. Professional; 8. Physical).

What is expected of PFF students during their internship?

The types of internships vary based on the needs of the company. As students return to the company each summer, typically their job duties change and more responsibility is placed on the student.

What is expected of all PFF students during the school year?

PFF students are expected to participate in the year-round curriculum sessions focused on career exploration and personal development. In addition, students will participate in our college preparation series that includes financial aid workshops, SAT prep classes, college fairs, and assistance with college essays/scholarship applications. PFF students are also expected to "check-in" with their assigned Program Coordinator each month. These activities require a 1-5 hours commitment each month.

What is a VEST (Virginia Education Savings Trust) account?

PFF assists students with setting up a Virginia 529 VEST account through the Virginia College Savings Plan. This account is established exclusively for college savings and funds may be withdrawn to cover the cost of major college expenses. Students participating in the internship component of the program will be eligible for a VEST savings match between \$2000-\$3000. This matching opportunity is made possible through the generous donations of PFF business sponsors.

Why should a student join PFF?

PFF students get an opportunity to build additional confidence and skills in the workplace, a 100% return on savings through our scholarship match, networking opportunities with business leaders and students in metro Richmond, college preparation assistance, a personal mentor, and a chance to further enhance leadership skills. Oh, did we forget to say that it is a PAID internship!

What kind of success do PFF students have?

100% of the Class of 2009 matriculated to college...99% of students who complete the program, matriculate to post-secondary educational programs. Several students have been hired after graduation to work for their sponsoring company.

When can I apply to PFF?

The 2010 application process begins March 1, 2010. Applications can be picked up from your High School Counselor or downloaded via our website at www.partnershipforthefuture.org.