



SITE and PROGRAM PREFERENCE



Please rank the campuses, from 1 to 4 with 1 being your first choice, in the order that you would prefer to attend.

**ABL reserves the right to add or delete site preferences based on availability and first choice picks will be available on a first come first served basis.*

SBI 7 WEEK PROGRAMS – June 29-August 14, 2009 (Grades 5-12)

- ___ University of Southern California (USC)
- ___ Loyola Marymount University (LMU)
- ___ California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA)
- ___ California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH)
- ___ California State University, Fullerton (CSUF)

SBI 4 WEEK PROGRAM June 29-July 24, 2009 (Grades 5-12)

- ___ University of Southern California (USC)
- ___ University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Jr. SBI 4 WEEK PROGRAM (Grades 5-8)

- ___ University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) **July 20-August 14, 2009**
- ___ California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) **June 29-July 24, 2009**

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

- After your application is received and processed, a postcard will be sent to your home address.
- If your application is complete, the postcard will specify a **time** and **date** for your **telephone interview**. If your application is incomplete, the postcard will inform you which part of the application is incomplete or missing. For example: missing official transcript, parental tax form, etc.
- Please be advised that your application will not be reviewed until complete.
- Telephone interviews will be conducted by ABL staff members, alumni, or volunteers. The interview will take about 15 minutes.
- After the phone interview, you will be notified of our decision within 2 weeks.
- **June 20, 2009** is the absolute last date we can receive applications.
- Please make copies of all application materials in case any materials are lost in the mail. ABL will not be responsible for any lost applications. If you do not hear from us within three weeks of submitting your application, please notify us at (626) 302-4440.
- Upon receiving the acceptance letter, students will be given **one week** to accept or decline the offer.
- A student's choice of site cannot be guaranteed, however, priority placement will be given to students in order of response to acceptance.

Please make and keep a copy of the entire application for your record.

PART I

Academy of Business Leadership 2009 Summer Business Institute Application



Application Background Information *(Please complete all areas in type or legible print)*

Name: _____
First Middle Last Preferred Name

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: ____ Country of Birth: _____ Gender: Male Female
Month/Day/Year

Home Address: _____
Number Street Apt. City State Zip

Home Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ Cell: (____) _____ - _____
Area Code Area Code

Email Address: _____

Ethnicity Survey – Level I *(check one or closest)*

African-American Caucasian Native American Asian-American/Pacific Islander Hispanic Other (please specify) _____

Level II *(optional)*

African-American Cuban Korean Puerto Rican American Indian or Alaskan Native Filipino Latino Samoan Native Hawaiian
 Caucasian Guamanian or Chamorro Vietnamese Chicano Indian Pakistani Chinese Japanese Other (please specify) _____

Academic Information *(Please submit a copy of your official transcript with your application)*

Type of School: Public Private Charter Other Grade Level: _____ Cumulative non-weighted GPA: _____

Name of School: _____ School District: _____

School Address: _____
Number Street City State Zip Code

Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

Counselor's E-mail: _____

Standardized Tests: PSAT: _____ SAT: _____ ACT: _____

Advanced Placement Tests: Subject 1: _____ Score 1: _____ Subject 2: _____ Score 2: _____
Subject 4: _____ Score 4: _____ Subject 5: _____ Score 5: _____ Subject 6: _____ Score 6: _____

Activities/Work Experience

Please list your school and community activities below with any offices held and leadership roles.

| ACTIVITIES | POSITION HELD | HRS/WK | GRADE LEVEL |
|------------|---------------|--------|-------------|
| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Please list your prior work experience with any offices held and leadership roles.

| EMPLOYER/COMPANY | POSITION HELD | Date of Employment | HRS/WK |
|------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------|
| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet of paper listing other experiences.

PART II

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Family Information *(Please complete all areas in type or legible print)*

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|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Parents' marital status | <input type="checkbox"/> Married | <input type="checkbox"/> Separated | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced | <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed | <input type="checkbox"/> Single |
| Is your father | <input type="checkbox"/> Employed | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired | <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased | <input type="checkbox"/> No contact |
| Is your mother | <input type="checkbox"/> Employed | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired | <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased | <input type="checkbox"/> No contact |
| Single Parent Home <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Number of siblings in home <input type="text"/> Total Family Size <input type="text"/> Primary Language Spoken at home: <input type="text"/> | | | | | |
| Please list the names, ages, year in school, and occupation of all siblings | | | | | |
| Name | Age | Year in School | School/Occupation | | |
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| If NOT living with both parents, please enter the name(s) of the parent or legal guardian(s) currently living with: | | | | | |

Parent Background *(Please complete all areas in type or legible print)*

Father

Mother

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| Full Name | | |
| Country of Birth | | |
| Home Address (if different) | | |
| Home Telephone | () - | () - |
| Cell Phone | () - | () - |
| Employer | | |
| Occupation/Title | | |
| Work Telephone | () - | () - |
| Highest Education Completed | Grade School: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 High School: <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Undergraduate: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Graduate: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Master's <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | Grade School: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 High School: <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Undergraduate: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Graduate: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Master's <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| Name of University(if any) | | |
| Combined Gross Annual Income <i>(Please attach copy of both your parents' most recent tax return form)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$15,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$16,000 - \$25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$26,000 - \$40,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$41,000 - \$55,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$56,000 - \$64,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$65,000 - \$99,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 - \$149,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 - \$199,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 - \$249,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$249,000 - \$300,000 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> \$300,000 - \$400,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$400,000 - \$499,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000 - \$1 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$1 million + |

(ABL take all appropriate measures to ensure your privacy. Please make sure to black out Social Security number(s), and banking information as we are not responsible if items get lost in the mail.)



Short Responses

Be as specific and complete as possible in answering the following questions. Please use a separate page if necessary. Please complete all areas in type or legible print. Remember, incomplete applications will not be considered.

1) How did you hear about the SBI program?

2) Please list three reasons why you would like to participate in SBI.

3) What classes or experiences have you had related to business?

4) What leadership experience have you had?

5) What are your hobbies and interests?

6) Name the person you admire the most. Why?

7) Name the accomplishment you are most proud of. Why?

8) If there were no limitations in the world, socioeconomic or otherwise, what would you want to do and why?

PART III

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9) What do you expect to achieve by participating in SBI and what can you contribute to the SBI 2009 class?

10) Please list the classes you are currently enrolled in.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____
- g. _____

11) What is your favorite subject and why?

12) Please list the classes you are planning on taking in the 2009-2010 school year.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____
- g. _____

13) Please list 5 goals you hope to achieve in the next 5 years.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

14) What would you like to experience while in the United States?

(This question is for international applicants only.)

PART III

Academy of Business Leadership 2009 Summer Business Institute Application



Personal Statements

Guidelines:

- Type your responses to the essay questions below on separate 8½ by 11 sheets of paper
- Minimum 300 words (1 page); maximum 500 words **per essay**
- Double Spaced
- Type your name, school, first preferred site choice and essay question number in the top right corner
- Do not re-type the essay question

Essay I

Attach a typed essay that is one full page in length answering one of the following questions.

1. Tell us about an obstacle you have faced. What steps did you take or are you currently taking to overcome it? (i.e. personal hardships, financial, educational, health, etc.)
2. How do you define leadership? Do you consider yourself a leader and why?
3. If you could change anything in your community, country or world, what would it be and why?

Essay II

Attach a typed essay that is one full page in length answering the following question.

1. Why should ABL admit you over someone else? How will you contribute in class and on a team? What would you like to gain from the Summer Business Institute (SBI) experience?

PART IV Program Summary and Commitment Form

Please read and sign the attached **Program Summary and Commitment Form**. Discuss SBI and the commitment that you will be making with your parent/guardian. After reviewing the materials, please have your parent/guardian sign the form.

PART V Recommendation Form, School Transcript and Tax Return

Please have your school teacher/counselor/administrator read all program materials and complete the attached **Educator Recommendation Form**. Please have them place the recommendation in a sealed envelope and attach it to your sealed transcript and mail it to the Academy of Business Leadership.

Please submit your parent's **prior year Tax Return**. If filed separately, please attach both parents' tax return. This information is only used to determine the amount of scholarship available to the applicant and all information shall be deemed confidential information not to be disclosed to third parties. ***(ABL take all appropriate measures to ensure your privacy. Please make sure to black out Social Security number(s), and banking information as we are not responsible if items get lost in the mail.)***

MAILING ADDRESS

Please mail the completed application, recommendation form, transcript, and signed program summary form to:

**Academy of Business Leadership
ATTN: SBI Admissions Department
2244 Walnut Grove Ave., Quad 2A
Rosemead, CA 91770**



ABL's Summer Business Institute (SBI) is a unique program that combines cutting-edge teaching methodologies, core values, and academic rigor in a fun-loving, and nurturing environment. For the past 10 years, ABL has given underserved, high-potential low-opportunity students and other interested students the chance to learn from up to 9 different tracks that promote self-awareness, empowerment, prosperity building, individual success and giving back. Previously, this program was offered without charge to all students regardless of economic background, and now, to ensure the sustainability of the organization, ABL has created a cost structure on a sliding scale that allows our target-based underserved students the opportunity to attend ABL for little to no cost while making it available to students of all income levels at a sliding scale cost. Even with this change, ABL is fully committed to its vision and mission of engaging its core constituency of underserved youth and will work with families to make sure no student is turned away based on financial need.

SBI is a one-of-a-kind program specifically designed to prepare the next generation of leaders. We unlock our students' passion and genius through immersion in a college environment, instruction by top MBA graduates and college students from prestigious universities, and access and exposure at the highest levels to Fortune 500 corporations, major institutions, and leaders of our time. Students are also trained in life skills, ethics and ABL's 7 Core Values, which help further develop the student holistically. ABL offers hands on experiential learning that gives students from all communities the opportunity to build bridges of understanding between and among different youth communities, becoming the agents of change needed to make a difference in their communities, schools and world. We give all our students a ten-to-twenty year head start, inspiring them to see themselves as **Leaders NOW™** who will rise to become the future corporate, entrepreneurial, social entrepreneurial, and civic leaders of America and the world, while inculcating in them the value of **giving back NOW**. We ignite our students' passion for learning, prosperity building, and giving back through a new paradigm of self-perception and empowerment. Students in our program come from various socio-economic, ethnic and educational backgrounds and range in age from 10 to 19 which add to ABL's rich culture of diversity. We are proud of our results: 100% of our students graduate from high school and a remarkable 98% of them go on to pursue post-secondary education at universities across the country.

2009 ACADEMY OF BUSINESS LEADERSHIP Program Descriptions

Summer Business Institute – 7 Week Programs – June 29, 2009 to August 14, 2009

Cost: \$9,600 (20% if applying by June 20, 2009. Discount cost: \$7,680)

Scholarships available up to 100%

The Academy of Business Leadership's flagship program is offered at UCLA, USC, LMU, CSUDH, CSULA and CSUF. This program is available to incoming 5th – 12th graders. It offers over 225 classroom hours of instruction by top MBA instructors on 9 different tracts. We give every future entrepreneur the opportunity to develop and present their own business idea and present it to a distinguished panel of business executives and venture capitalists. We also further develop the students' interest in finance and investment through an intense study of the stock market. Each student manages their own fictitious \$100,000 stock portfolio, buying and selling throughout the seven week program. We also further develop within each student their communication and leadership skills with opportunities to network with top level executive while going on up to 8 different field trips to Fortune 500 companies. This opportunity gives each student a 10 – 20 year head start from there peers in the areas of finance, business, investments and leadership.

Summer Business Institute – 4 Week Program – USC and UCLA – June 29, 2009 to July 24, 2009

Cost: \$5,485 (20% if applying by June 20, 2009. Discount cost: \$4,388)

Scholarships available up to 100%

For those students who cannot commit to a seven week program, ABL for the first time this year has developed a program that will focus primarily on starting your own business and writing a business plan, personal finance and financial literacy. With over 120 hours of classroom instruction from top MBA instructors, the student will develop the skills necessary not only to develop their own enterprise but effectively lead, and manage it as well. Students will also have the opportunity to go on up to 5 different field trips to a number of Fortune 500 companies in the Los Angeles area and prominent guest speakers on business and finance throughout the four week program. The event culminates with a chance for the students to showcase their business ideas to a panel of distinguished business executives and venture capitalist. This program is available to incoming 5th – 12th graders.

Jr. Summer Business Institute – 4 Week Programs

CSUF – June 29, 2009 to July 24, 2009 and UCLA – July 20, 2009 to August 14, 2009

Cost: \$5,485 (20% if applying by June 20, 2009. Discount cost: \$4,388)

Scholarships available up to 100%

Due to popular demand, ABL is pleased to introduce a 4 week Jr. SBI debuting at UCLA and CSUF specifically for our younger (incoming grades 5th-8th) students. This program takes the more intense applications in the seven week program and teaches them in a way that is understandable and applicable to junior high aged students. The program creates a fun environment in which the student develops their leadership and business skills and further enhances their keen desire for business and entrepreneurship. The Jr. SBI also offers up to 5 fieldtrips to a number of local Fortune 500 companies and prominent guest speakers on business and finance throughout the four week program. Just like the other programs, the Jr. SBI event culminates with a chance for the students to showcase their business ideas to a panel of distinguished business executives and venture capitalist.

Mandatory orientation is June 27th and graduation is August 22nd for all SBI programs despite start and finish dates.

If any of these dates are an issue, please contact the Programs Coordinator at (626) 302-4440.



SBI STUDENTS RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:

- Up to 225 hours of instruction by MBA Instructors from top universities
- Critical reading, writing, thinking and presentation skills
- Power-networking training and competition with ABL’s CEO/President
- Entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship training
- Computer training in various applications and business etiquette training
- ABL Seven Core Values training
- Leadership training and fictional stock market trading
- Personal finance training and skills to produce a professional business plan
- Interaction with executives and fieldtrips to Fortune 500 corporations
- Integrated college campus setting
- At least one meal provided a week (field trips)
- Vision and goal setting for future success
- College preparation and individualized action plan creation
- Cash prizes or equivalent for various competitions
- **10-20 year head start on life, business concepts, and intangibles of success**
- **Commencement Ceremony**
 - **World-class speakers**
 - **Elegant cap and gown ceremony**
 - **Past venue: Millennium Biltmore Hotel and UCLA**

COMPETITIONS

To teach students the importance of working in a group setting, each student will be placed in **2** teams of **4-5** people each. In one team, students will compete in the business plan competitions and in the other team, they will compete in the stock market game.

****Each year, over 60% of our students receive over \$27,000 in awards and cash prizes****

Business Plan Competition – Each team member is expected to contribute their ideas, skills, and talent to researching and developing a successful business plan. All teams have a diverse make-up of members. We expect all students to give **110%** in their participation.

Stock Market Competition – In this competition, stock market teams will manage a fictitious \$100,000 stock portfolio. On a daily basis, students will track their investments on StockTrak using the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Los Angeles Times* (provided by ABL). They will learn stock terms, symbols, and investment strategies pertaining to stocks that are publicly traded on the stock exchanges. The teams that accumulate the highest return at the conclusion of the program will be awarded prizes sponsored by **Merrill Lynch**.

Individual Long Term Stock Choice - To ensure the students understand the principles of the stock market, each individual student will pick and track one stock throughout the duration of the program.

Social Impact Contract – Each individual student will develop an initiative to address a social issue that affects their community and the world.

Site Business Plan Competitions

- **Site Oral Business Plan Competition**
1st Place -- \$100
2nd Place -- \$75
3rd Place -- \$50
- **Site Outstanding Individual Performer**
- **Site Written Business Plan Competition**
1st Place -- \$100
2nd Place -- \$75
3rd Place -- \$50
- **Site Most Creative Business Plan**

Overall (Regional) Business Plan Competition

- **Overall Oral Business Plan Competition**
1st Place -- \$100
- **Overall Outstanding Individual Performer**
- **Overall Most Creative Business Plan**
- **Overall Written Business Plan Competition**
1st Place -- \$100

Anna’s Power Networking Competition

\$700

Stock Market Competition

- **Site Stock Market Game**
1st Place -- \$100
2nd Place -- \$75
3rd Place -- \$50
- **Overall Stock Market Game**
1st Place -- \$100
- **Site Individual “Hold-stock” Return Winner**
1st Place -- \$100

Social Impact Contract Competition (SIC)

- **Site SIC Competition**
1st Place
- **Overall SIC Competition**
1st Place -- \$200
2nd Place -- \$150
3rd Place -- \$100

ABL Outstanding Leadership Award

\$700



ADDITIONAL STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- **Students' Choice – Overall Business Plan Competition**
 - 1st Place
 - 2nd Place
 - 3rd Place
- **Student of the Week (ABL Seven Core Values)**
- **Class Officer** (elected)
President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary
- **Presidential Honor Roll**
- **Site Valedictorian**
- **Talent Show** in front of over 1,000 guests at commencement ceremony

SBI STUDENTS ALSO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:

- **Up to \$9,600** scholarship to participate in SBI (sponsored by ABL contributors and subject to availability. Accepted student must apply for the scholarship.)
- ABL will provide each student with a curriculum binder, SBI class t-shirt, class picture & graduation certificate
- 5-10 high school credits within the districts of LAUSD, Alhambra, Norwalk-La Mirada, and Montebello
 - Students can petition for high school credits in their respective school districts
- One or more meals a week (field trips)
- Seven or more field trips to various Fortune 500 companies and other influential corporations
- Commendations from national, statewide and local elected officials
- SBI Orientation
 - World-class speakers
 - Inspirational presentations
 - Site interaction
 - Parent workshops (financial and college)
- Dream quilt
- Field trips and guided tours at ABL university hosts
- **Attending class daily on a college campus**
- Computer training in Microsoft Office, Business Plan Pro, and Stock Trak
- **Individualized Action Plan for college**
- Unique teaching methodology on **9 different tracks:**
 - Leadership
 - Stock Market
 - Economics and Personal Finance
 - Entrepreneurship and Business
 - Social Entrepreneurship
 - Computer and Software Skills
 - Life skills, including Ethics and ABL's 7 Core Values
 - College Preparation
 - Career Development
- Beyond ABL
 - World-class speakers
 - Business industry workshops
 - College admissions workshop
 - Class picture
- Graduation
 - Elegant cap and gown commencement ceremony
 - World-class speakers
 - Talent show acts
 - Winning oral business plan presentation
 - Speeches by SBI Valedictorian and instructor
 - Presentation of plaques in front of over 1,000 attendees
 - Framed graduation certificate

COST TO STUDENTS:

- Tuition: \$9,600 (Financial Need Based Scholarships of up to \$9,600 for the 7 week program and \$5,485 for the 4 week program are available on a first come, first served basis), Merit and other types of scholarships may be available to students who do not qualify based on family income.
- Commitment Fee: \$250 (non-refundable fee that will be applied toward tuition. This fee is collected to ensure student commitment to the program.
- Breakfast and lunch at university sites are the responsibility of the student when not provided during field trips. Field trips will be held one to three times a week.
- For more information please contact the Programs Coordinator at (626) 302-4440

PART IV

Academy of Business Leadership 2009 Summer Business Institute Application



EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT!!!

Apply by **June 20, 2009** and receive a **20% discount** off the \$9,600 seven week program cost and the \$5,485 four week program. Savings of \$1,920 for the seven week program with a final cost of **\$7,680**. Savings of \$1,097 for the four week program with a final cost of **\$4,388**.

PROGRAM COMMITMENT

ALL 7 week SBI's will meet Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 29th through August 14th. The 4 week UCLA SBI and 4 week Jr. SBI CSUF will meet Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 29th through July 24th. The 4 Week UCLA Jr. SBI will meet Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 20th through August 14th. All SBI sites, regardless of start date will have a mandatory orientation on June 27th and graduation on August 22nd. If accepted into the SBI program, I agree to adhere to the rules and policies of the Academy of Business Leadership, and the host university. I also agree to participate in ALL class activities and group competitions. Upon acceptance into the program, as instructed by my acceptance letter, I agree to submit a non-refundable commitment fee of \$250 to ABL in order to guarantee a position in the program. The following highlights the breakdown of the contributions of ABL and students.

- **Up to 100% of tuition could be covered by the Academy of Business Leadership (Cost to ABL: \$9,600 per student for the 7 week program and \$5,485 for the 4 week program) based on financial need. Student must apply to be considered for the scholarships. Merit and other types of scholarships may be available to students who do not qualify based on family income. All scholarships are based on available funds.**
- **In the past ten years, through the generosity of its corporate partners, individual donors, and university hosts, ABL has covered over \$20,000,000 for the cost of 2,500 students to successfully attend and complete its Summer Business Institute on eight different college campuses.**
- **Students are expected to contribute a non-refundable commitment fee of \$250 that will be credited to the final amount due. Partial or full fee waivers for the \$250 commitment fee are available based on financial need and students may petition once accepted into the program. All students are encouraged to apply regardless of financial status! The \$250 non-refundable fee is to ensure student commitment to the program.**
- **Only 3 absences (excused and unexcused) are permitted throughout the 7-week and 4-week SBI program. Unless they have prior approval, students who miss more than 3 days will be automatically expelled from the program and will forfeit all tuition fees.**
- **Each student will receive a total of 2 tickets for orientation on June 27, 2009 and for graduation on August 22, 2009. Extra tickets can be purchased.**
- **Fees are subject to change. ABL reserves the right to add or delete program sites.**
- **In the case that ABL changes and/or cancels any SBI program location, students will have the opportunity to select an alternative location. If such location is unavailable, students will be entitled to a full refund.**
- **Fees collected from students will help partially subsidize the cost of the program. ABL will seek additional funding from corporations, individuals, and/or foundations to cover the remaining program cost balance.**

I have read the entire application booklet and application pages. I give permission for my student to participate in the Summer Business Institute, if accepted. I agree that the Academy of Business Leadership reserves the right to make cancellations, changes and substitutions in case of emergency or changed conditions.

Print Student Name

Print Parent Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Applicant's Name _____

School Name _____ Grade Level _____

TO THE APPLICANT: Please give this form to your school teacher, counselor, or administrator who knows you well and can assess your character, potential, and involvement in your school and/or community. This recommendation should describe your personality, character, and greatest positive qualities. As a courtesy, we suggest that you give your recommender at least 1 week to complete the recommendation.

TO THE RECOMMENDER: This student is an applicant to the Summer Business Institute. ABL's Summer Business Institute (SBI) is a unique program that combines cutting-edge teaching methodologies, core values, and academic rigor in a fun-loving, nurturing environment. For the past 10 years, ABL has given underserved, high-potential low-opportunity students and other interested students the chance to learn from up to 9 different tracks that promote self-awareness, empowerment, prosperity building, individual success and giving back. Previously, this program was offered without charge to all students regardless of economic background, and now, to ensure the sustainability of the organization, ABL has created a cost structure on a sliding scale that allows our target-based underserved students the opportunity to attend ABL for little to no cost while making it available to students of all income levels at a sliding scale cost. Even with this change, ABL is fully committed to its vision and mission of engaging its core constituency of underserved youth and will work with families to make sure no student is turned away based on financial need.

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EVALUATION

Evaluate the applicant in the following areas on a scale from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest).

Table with 7 columns: Traits, No Basis (0), Below Avg. (1), Average (2), Good (3), Very Good (4), Excellent (5). Rows include traits like 'Is an attentive learner', 'Is interested in personal development', 'Strives to make a difference', etc.

1) What characteristics stand out most about this applicant?

Four horizontal lines for writing the answer to question 1.

2) In what areas does the applicant need improvement?

3) Does the applicant show an interest in business? If so, what special skills has the applicant displayed?

4) Does the applicant show an interest in leadership? If so, please provide an example.

5) In your opinion, will the student complete the requirements of this seven-week summer program?

6) Please include any additional evaluation comments/concerns.

7) I (please check one)

- Strongly recommend
- Recommend
- Recommend with some reservations
- Do not recommend

All recommendation forms will be held in complete confidentiality.

Name: _____ Title: _____

School: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If there are any questions concerning the program, please call (626) 302-4440 or fax (626) 302-1440.