



Male-hood To Manhood
Charleston Youth Leadership Council, Inc.
Character & Leadership Development

**Beaux Affair
"Rites of Passage"**

**CYLC, INC.
ELDER APPLICATION
PACKET**

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Statement of Purpose

Founded and incorporated in 1990, the **Charleston Youth Leadership Council, Inc.** is a non-profit organization dedicated to the interest and development of African-American male leadership.

The over arching objectives of the organization are as follows:

- *To recognize, and promote the talents, efforts, and accomplishments of African-American males*
- *To serve as a support group and to provide a youth network for support and social interaction to stimulate growth and development*
- *To provide for African-American males an enriching, cultural, civic, recreational, and social program*
- *To support mentoring programs by encouraging African-American men to serve as role models for young men.*
- *To enhance skills, and provide opportunities for public speaking, cultural advancement, and community service.*

The Charleston Youth Leadership Council, Inc. seeks to fulfill the ideals of its objectives through the *Beaux Affair* program.

The primary goal of the Beaux Affair is to provide a 'Rites of Passage' program for young African-American males as they prepare to assume the challenges of manhood and life. The *Beaux Affair* recognizes high school, juniors and seniors for their accomplishments, encourages them to set future goals, and creates a network of support among them. Most importantly, the Charleston Youth Leadership Council, Inc. seeks to give the black male a sense of becoming a man, a clearer sense of self and of purpose, a sense of responsibility to his role of future father, husband, and mentor to others. The intent is to further enhance attributes of leadership, scholarship, and awareness as the young men transition from *Male-hood to Manhood*.

ORIGINS OF THE BEAUX AFFAIR PROGRAM

The Beaux Affair started as a carryover project from the 'Charleston Chapter of Jack & Jill of America, Inc. In 1989 Jack & Jill of Charleston introduced and sponsored the first Charleston Beautillion for high school junior and senior males. It was a successful project that met with great community acceptance. However, it was only intended as a one-year project.

There was a tremendous outcry of support from students & parents to maintain the Beautillion or a similar program beyond a one-year project. Gail Blair, Dr. Delma Woods and David C. Floyd made a decision in 1990 to form a separate organization that would specifically provide opportunities for African-American boys, where they could be recognized and highlighted for their accomplishments; the name *Beaux Affair* was chosen. Most importantly, it became a *boyhood to manhood 'Rites of Passage'* program. A great deal of emphasis is placed on developing and enhancing attributes of character, leadership, scholarship, and awareness.

The organization for the Beaux Affair has changed since its establishment in 1990. It started as the Council to Foster Male Leadership, Inc.; then in 1995 its name was changed to the Charleston Youth Leadership Council, Inc. (CYLC, Inc.). CYLC, Inc. is a nonprofit 501 c (3) organization with a mission to “promote and enhance character and leadership development in adolescent males transitioning from male hood to manhood.”

In 1998, under a mutual consent agreement, the Beaux Affair Program was transferred to the 100 Black Men of Charleston, Inc. This consent agreement ended at the end of the 2001 – 2002 Beaux Affair year, and the CYLC, Inc. Beaux Affair Program is again a stand-alone program operated under the Charleston Youth Leadership Council, Inc.

One of the program's goals is to promote and provide opportunities for young men from disadvantaged circumstances and young men from non-disadvantage circumstances to interact while performing community service projects, discussing literature and other activities during the 'rites of passage'. The opportunity to interact fosters a bond and understanding between the young men that may help to eliminate a distrust based on socioeconomics.

In the twenty plus year history of the program, over four hundred young men have completed the nine-month 'Rites of Passage' program and over one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) have been awarded in scholarships. Numerous young men who participated in the nine-month 'rites of passage' program have returned to be part of the Council of Elders and assist with the program, which is a testimony of the program's effectiveness. The Beaux Affair Program, which has been recognized by former President Bill Clinton, and continues to be one of the most successful and highly acclaimed programs for males in South Carolina.



Elder Application Form

Contact Information	
Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Availability	
During which hours are you available for volunteer assignments? Beaux Affair Workshops take place typically on twice monthly on Sundays from 3 to 7pm from August to March.	

Interests	
Tell us in which areas you are interested in assisting	
<input type="checkbox"/> Administration	
<input type="checkbox"/> Events	
<input type="checkbox"/> Field work	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	
<input type="checkbox"/> Deliveries	
<input type="checkbox"/> Phone bank	
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter production	
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer coordination	

Special Skills or Qualifications
Summarize special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports that you feel will be a positive addition to our program and the young men who are involved in the program.

Previous Volunteer Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience.

Person to Notify in Case of Emergency

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as an elder, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

Our Policy

It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability. All persons selected as an elder are subject to a background check and *Darkness to Light* training.

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in volunteering with us.

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Upon completion please submit either to an elder of CYLC, Inc. or via email to

BeauxAffairmail@gmail.com