

PLEASE SUBMIT AN ORIGINAL APPLICATION AND 7 COPIES

Attach additional pages as necessary.

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY OR TYPE YOUR ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS IN THIS APPLICATION.

1. Describe your organization and list your Mission Statement.

Treasure Coast Elite, Inc. is committed to excellence in athletics while supporting the educational mission of our students. The goal of the Treasure Coast Elite, Inc. is to develop and promote the ideals of responsibility, hard work, sportsmanship, teamwork and fellowship within a safe and positive environment. The individual growth of our community's children is enhanced through the spirit of competition, discipline and fair play. Our goals are accomplished by providing a structured program designed to educate participants in all aspects of the football. Treasure Coast Elite, Inc is committed to providing youth programs that maintain the highest standards. Football may not be the end goal for all participants; however, it is an effective tool to gain trust, attention, and respect of the participants.

Treasure Coast Elite, Inc. is a 7-on-7 football, and enrichment program which includes mentoring, college camps, and college visitation. The concept for 7-on-7 football is as an off-season workout program for high school players to promote and improve the quality of quarterbacks, receivers, secondary players and linebackers. The 7-on-7 format is popular among high school football teams as a method to keep players in shape during the summer months. For Treasure Coast Elite, Inc. football is one area of focus, additionally and more importantly, we provide an opportunity to introduce low income, under served, and under recruited players college exposure. In 2018, Treasure Coast Elite, Inc. began sponsoring the Mega Tour (a college introduction experience). In 7-on7 football Treasure Coast Elite, Inc. serves 24 players annually, we want to offer the Mega Tour to all our participants, the support. In 2018, 12 young men were apart of the TC Elite Mega Tour. Treasure Coast Elite, Inc. wants to offer the tour to as many participants as possible. Treasure Coast Elite, Inc. has a goal to sponsor and support up to 45 students on the Mega Tour through incremental growth. For summer 2019, the program is looking to grow to no less than 24 participants. During the summer of 2018, Treasure Coast Elite, Inc. visited 10 colleges in 8 days offering participants opportunities to engage first hands with institutions for higher learning.

2. Describe your organization's history and prior experience, including a description of programs/projects similar to the one you are applying for in this application.

Treasure Coast Elite, Inc. began in 2009 when Jabari Williams had the epiphany to serve young men in the Fort Pierce community in a greater way. Treasure Coast Elite started as a 7v7 football team in Fort Pierce. The team was eventually expanded to serve the entire Treasure Coast and include a college experience for athletes to learn about the college admission process and showcase their talents to collegiate coaches. Jabari's desire was to offer young men the resources and opportunity to do something positive with their time and talents. "I do not believe that society should expect any more from our children than we are willing to invest into them" – Jabari Williams. As a coach for 10 years, Jabari has passionately motivated and pushed athletes to be their best and excel not only in athletics but in life as well. This allowed him to celebrate success on the field, but also witness very talented players miss the opportunity to engage in sports on a higher level, based on geographic location, lack of opportunity and lack of exposure. Football is a tool that Jabari utilizes to get the players' attention to coach and instill the ideals of ethics, hard work, and

determination both on and off the field. Beyond the expansion of the college experience tour, Treasure Coast Elite, Inc. is working with professional, gainfully employed family men, in the community to become mentors and life coaches for the students. As an organization, we believe it is important to be strategic in the implementation of the mentoring and positive role models. The mentoring program is a safe outlet for our participants to share their challenges, desires for the future and have an objective person to provide guidance that will benefit them. Thus, the program is an impactful experience for both participants.

All funds Treasure Coast Elite, Inc. expects to receive from the 2018-2019 Public Service Grant are to support the Mega Tour.

3. List all previous grants awarded by the City of Fort Pierce to **YOU or any organization(s) you were previously or are currently associated with.** If None, write N/A below:

Program Year Amount Purpose

2017-18-(N/A)

2016-17-(N/A)

2015-16-(N/A)

Please Note: Organizations/Applicants that have received funding for three consecutive years may be deferred in order to provide funding for newer activities.

4. If you have received funding from the City of Fort Pierce for Public Service projects in the past, please explain **HOW** the program/project described in this grant application is **NEW OR EXPANDED:**

Treasure Coast Elite, Inc. has not requested funding from the City of Fort Pierce previously.

5. What is your organization's annual budget? Describe how your organization is currently funded.

The annual budget for Treasure Coast Elite, Inc. (TC Elite) is **\$24,500**

The annual budget has expanded with the addition of the Mega Tour. Currently TC Elite receives funding from membership dues, special events, un-restricted cash contributions and grants.

6. Does the City of Fort Pierce and/other local organizations in Fort Pierce provide services similar to your agency?

There is no other agency in Fort Pierce providing the same services as TC Elite. TC Elite was designed to afford individuals with the greatest need, with options for advancement. TC Elite provides a platform to not only develop athletic skills, but to assist underserved young men to improve their social skill, be exposed to higher education possibilities, and engage in positive activities. Young men immersed in this program have the opportunity to attend college campus tours, audit college classes, and directly interact with athletic coaches and recruiters.

7. Project Name (please keep it short):

TC Elite College and Career Summer Exploration

8. U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) National Objective Activities: (check one)
- Area benefit** activity (the activity benefits/is open to everyone in a particular low income neighborhood or geography)
 - Limited Clientele** activity (particular individuals or households receive a benefit, and the majority of them qualify as low income)
 - Presumed Benefit** activity (the activity benefits a group of individuals presumed by HUD to qualify for a benefit: battered spouses, homeless, elderly, severely disabled adults, abused children, illiterate adults, persons with HIV/AIDS, or migrant farm workers)
9. Which National Objective(s) shown below does your project/program(s) meet?
- Benefit low to moderate-income persons;
 - Help in the prevention of slums or blight; and/or
 - Meet other community needs having a particular urgency because other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

10. Beneficiaries from National Objective Activities (#8 Above)

- A. Who are the intended beneficiaries of this program/project? Describe how the project will ensure that the intended beneficiaries are being served and the target population will be reached, including how beneficiaries are identified, and any outreach performed:

The persons who will benefit from this program will be underserved, at-risk males from the Fort Pierce area who are considered to be at or below the federal poverty guidelines (ALICE). According to the 2013-2017 St. Lucie Community Healthcare Report, there is a need to improve academic outcomes and reduce violent crime within in the county, especially the Fort Pierce area. TC Elite's program serves a two-fold purpose. 1) Engaging youth in positive programs such as athletics and mentoring increase discipline and improve academic outcomes (Mentoring.org, 2013); and, 2) Keeping children and youth engaged in afterschool activities to reduce violence and crime. Thus, our program will have a positive impact in the lives of youth who reside within the Fort Pierce community. These youth will be exposed to the college campuses in which they will learn the path to college and career readiness by visiting college campuses and engaging in dialogue with college recruiters, athletic coaches, guidance counselors and be able to compete at a high level via the game of football. This program aims to produce a true student-athlete and a productive citizen of our city and society. The participants of this program are identified through self-referral by the family, outreach in the community via social media and collaboration with faith-based networks. TC Elite will collaborate with local high school coaches and administrators for students who show promise in the game but who seem to lack the social skills and character needed to be college ready. The participants will have the opportunity to learn the vast history of each college, learn about college majors, high needs career paths and receive artifacts from each college to help with school tips such as note taking and time management. The application process will include income verification, so families being the poverty threshold are being served.

- B. If the project will provide an “**Area Benefit**”, please define clearly the geographic area to be served by the proposed activity. Include a map, if necessary.
- C. If the project will benefit “**Limited Clientele**”, list the approximate number and percentage of total persons assisted through this project/program who will be Low to Moderate Income (LMI) and how their income level will be determined.

Of the 45 student athletes TC Elite will serve summer 2019 80-85% of those students are projected to be from Low to Moderate Income. Parents and caregivers are asked to verify income as a part of the application process.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2018 Income Limits								
Number of People Living in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Extremely Low Income	\$12,750	\$16,460	\$20,780	\$25,100	\$29,420	\$33,740	\$37,550	\$39,950
Very Low Income	\$21,200	\$24,200	\$27,250	\$30,250	\$32,700	\$35,100	\$37,550	\$39,950
Low Income	\$33,900	\$38,750	\$43,600	\$48,400	\$52,300	\$56,150	\$60,050	\$63,900

- D. If the project will provide a “**Presumed Benefit**”, please identify the group(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abused Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Illiterate Adults |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Income Senior Citizens | <input type="checkbox"/> Migrant Farm Workers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly | <input type="checkbox"/> Persons with HIV/AIDS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless | <input type="checkbox"/> Severely Disabled Adults |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lower Income Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Severely Disabled Children/Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

11. Describe the existing problems or needs to be addressed by this program/project.

The community in which we reside, has always been a community for those that struggle to get by day to day. Many families are entrenched in widespread poverty, violence, crime and unemployment that sucks the life out of the community. We aim to curb that, due to the fact that more than 60% of the crimes committed in our area, are within the target area of 12-19 and usually committed by males more than 70% of the time. We want to be able to channel that same energy towards a more positive avenue to create a better outcome. We strive to create a better well-rounded person, that views the community as a loving and caring place that we all can be proud to call home. Treasure Coast Elite College Tour will expose youth to a better opportunity of how to further their education in addition to being engaged activities that will ensure better outcomes for their future. The participants will have a life changing experience and we predict that this tour will motivate them to be more and do more to create a community that we all can call home.

12. Describe your proposed project's activities and how they will address the problems/needs you listed in #11 above.

The objective of the TC Elite Mega (College) Tour is to place higher education and the attainment of a college degree within the reach of participants. The experience will expose youth to the world of college education as well as life as a student-athlete – with the priority of being a student first. The participants will engage in the history of the colleges (7) and will be provided a seminar about the college entrance requirements of incoming freshman and college expectations. The participants will also be allowed to visit campus residence halls, eat at cafeterias, and see college amenities firsthand. The participants will also have a private tour provided by the colleges where they can dialogue with other students and faculty on college life. The participants will also be able to engage in the football aspects of the college tour in which they will be able to visit the athletic facilities and fields as well as engage in the football camps in hopes that they can highlight their talent and earn a football scholarship to those respective schools. All activities will be under the supervision of mentor leaders and other approved adults. The experience has been designed to create a memorable experience and to motivate the participants to course correct any negative behaviors, in an effort to position himself for college readiness. Forbes states, "Individuals with a bachelor's degree earn \$400 more per week than individuals who do not hold a degree." These young men need mentors to become effective husbands, fathers and employees. If we are able to continue to encourage youth to be responsible citizens within our community, then we are changing not only a way of life but a better tomorrow for everyone, mentors make the difference. Two findings from a new national study reveal the power of mentors, particularly those in the teaching profession: For all teen students, having an adult mentor meant a 50 percent greater likelihood of attending college, for disadvantaged students, mentorship by a teacher nearly doubled the odds of attending college.

13. List the physical addresses where the your proposed project activities (listed in #12 above) will take place, using street addresses within the City limits of Fort Pierce.

The address on file for 501 (c) (3) is 601 NW Rainbow Street, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983. The program serves Ft. Pierce youth, we practice where ever we can, for free, and practice fields in Ft. Pierce have rental expenses for use, where other locations in the county do not.

14. List this project's measurable goals and objectives. Date the goals and objectives.

75% of participants will increase their knowledge of college entrance requirements

75% of parents and caregivers will develop 2 personal strategies to support participants with college entrance (i.e. tutoring, on-line classes, credit recovery opportunities, financial aid seminars)

15. How will you track the results of these goals and objectives? (This information will be required with your monthly status reports.)

Each participant will be provided with a diagnostic questionnaire that will ask specific questions about the tour and what the benefit of the tour was to them.

Participants will be provided a Pre/Post Test to test their knowledge of college entrance, the pretest will be administered in April, the post test at the conclusion of the tour.

Volunteers will conduct personal interviews with parents to collect data on college entrance strategies

16. Briefly describe measurements of outcomes for each of the activities listed in #12. (Examples - number of unduplicated low/moderate income youth served, number of unduplicated senior citizens served, number of unduplicated Veterans served, number of unduplicated adults served, etc.)

Number of unduplicated low/moderate income families 24

17. Amount of Grant Funds requested in this application: **\$4,453.00**
Amount of other funds secured for this program/project: **\$11,813.00**
Amount of other funds earmarked for the program/project: **\$**
Total amount needed to complete this program/project: **\$16,267.00**

18. Describe your contingency plan in the event this grant request is not fully funded, or not funded at all by the City of Fort Pierce:

If this grant is not funded by the City of Fort Pierce, the Mega Tour would continue. TC Elite would limit our impact on the community by serving just those students whose parents could subsidize the tour. Participants, parents and caregivers would have to pay the balance of expenses not covered by grants, and other fundraising activities. Based on summer 2018 costs to potential participants would be \$600.00 to cover the cost of the college tour program. If TC Elite is not able to secure the additional funding, we could not meet our growth plan of 24 participants in 2019. In addition TC Elite must remove some of the college locations the funds needed to replicate the event would be too great. TC Elite has every intention to continue our solicitation efforts to make this program and experience a success for the college tour participants. The request for \$5,000.00 would support lodging, food and travel expenses for college bound young men from Fort Pierce.

19. If this is a multi-year project, how will you continue to implement this project if City grant funds are not available in future years?

TC Elite will grow the Mega Tour to achieve our goal of serving 45 young men annually, 2018 was the inauguration for this event. In 2019, we are growing and have more interests. TC Elite is working with current board members to make a financial commitment to the young men, and to grow the board to increase awareness and giving. TC Elite is moving towards corporate sponsorships in the future for support. TC Elite will move to diversified funding streams to support its growth. TC Elite will incorporate a participation fee for the families on a sliding scale and ask students to participate in fundraising to offset some of the expenses.

20. Select every qualifier below that best describes your project.
 Improve or enhance education opportunities

Improve or enhance job training opportunities

Improve or enhance employment opportunities

Promote cultural diversity

Promote outdoor activities and a healthy lifestyle

Spur interest and participation in neighborhood improvement activities

Encourage citizen involvement and leverage resources to revitalize low and moderate-income neighborhoods

Encourage partnerships between City Hall, residents and other community organizations that will result in projects and activities that benefit a community

Instill and foster community pride

Promote neighborhood beautification and revitalization

Promote activities that protect the environment

Discourage adverse activity such as crime, drug use, and vandalism

Inspire and support the healthy development of youth

21. Write an explanation below of **how** your project will perform **each** qualifier you selected above:

Improve or enhance education opportunities

The ability to be a part of a college tour program such as this will enhance the participants chance to be able to be exposed to the possibility of college life and promote intrinsic motivation to see education as a way to a path of success.

Promote cultural diversity

The students that will attend this tour, will be from all walks of life including different ethnic groups, schools, and counties and from different socio-economic groups as well. This will teach the participants to learn the cultures and customs of their peers when traveling within a bus from city to city and schools. The students will also have to be able to collaborate in effort in which they will be required to be housed in the same rooms and have motivational conversations to help with the which they will need in school as well as within our community which will over flow into the work place.

Promote outdoor activities and a healthy lifestyle

The 7-on-7 format is popular among high school football teams as a method to keep players in shape during the summer months. The game emphasizes passing using a 40-yard field and a one-hand touch for a tackle. All players, except the center, are eligible receivers. The games are 20 to 25 minutes long. Uniforms consist of shorts and T-shirts with no pads. The combination of practices and tournaments participants will spend ample outside engaging in physical fitness and creating a healthy lifestyle.

Date project to begin: May 2019

Date project to be completed: August 2019

22. Describe any participant fees that will be required as part of this project/program. Please see "New for Program Year 2018-2019" on Page 4 of the Grant Guidance.
23. Applicants must demonstrate that the selection of participants is an objective process and Grant Recipient may not limit participation on the basis of race, gender, nationality, ethnicity, religion, creed or disability. How will your project comply with this expectation?

The TC Elite College Tour program is open to all youth that are enrolled in the high school educational institutions and will not discriminate against any participants. All participants are welcome the City of Ft. Pierce grant will help TC Elite make the tour possible for families who reside within the city limits of Fort Pierce who may otherwise not participate. We will make sure that we advertise this information on all of our social outlets as well as document the diversity of the participants on the college tour whom are a part of our program through parent information sheets that will be logged in as a excel worksheet to verify our efforts.

24. If this project is sponsored by a church or religious group, participation may not be limited to members of the church. What efforts will you make to ensure that the community at-large is aware of this project and the opportunity for participation?

TC Elite will collaborate with the local high school coaches to share the information. Notices will go be posted on social media flyers, and word of mouth. TC Elite's goal is to share the information with as many families possible. Our efforts are to ensure that everyone is given an opportunity to be part of the college tour with participation requirements as well. We will also place flyers within the school locations as well as local businesses and after-school programs to ensure that we are reaching the community and providing a vast opportunity for youth within the community to take part in this life-changing experience.

25. Complete a COMPLETE detailed budget below for **THIS** project. List proposed City grant funds and other *committed funds* and 'in-kind contributions', donated professional services, fees and other resources that will be used to complete the project. List a detailed breakdown of individual items. Use specific descriptions, not broad categories. Remember, committed funds and/or in-kind services **must equal at least 25% of your grant request**.

Be sure to include verification documentation of all funds listed below as 'Committed' or 'In-Kind'. Commitments listed in the budget below that lack documentation **will not be counted as commitments**.

NOTE: Volunteer Hours may be calculated at \$12/hour.

- **Please provide at least one (1) quote for each item listed that you will purchase with this grant award** in the above Budget under 'Expense/Description'. Each quote should list vendor/company with contact information.

Program/Project Expense/Description	City Grant	Other Committed Funds and/or \$\$ Amount or In-Kind	Source of Other Committed Funds or In-Kind Services (Please provide written verification of <u>Every</u> in-kind service listed here from the "Source")
Staff: Executive Director Director of Athletics Educational Director @ 8 Days x 8hrs x 3 ppl X \$12 = 2,304		\$2,304	Treasure Coast Elite
Football Camps Samford Univ. / Chris Hatchford @ (\$60 x 24 = \$1,440) Champions Elite Camp @ (\$70 x 24 = \$1,680) Kennesaw State (\$60 x 24 = \$1,440) Total=\$4,560	\$2,280	\$2,280	Treasure Coast Elite
Hotels Sleep Inn Athens @ (2nights x 98.96 x 6 = \$1,182.52) La Quinta @ (106.20 x 6 = 637.2) Comfort Inn @ (2 nights 142.49 x 6 = \$1,709.88)	0	\$3,530	Treasure Coast Elite
Hotel (est. attached) Hyatt Place @ (2nights @ 362.17 x 6 rooms = \$2,173.02)	\$2,173	0	
Van Rentals Transportation & Gas		\$2,200	Treasure Coast Elite
Participant Meals		\$1,500	Treasure Coast Elite
TOTALS	\$4,453	\$11,814	
(use more lines/pages as necessary)			

26. Organization Staff and Volunteers

Please complete the information listed below for **each person** in your organization who will work on **THIS** project and the percentage of time they will dedicate to this project, including **all** volunteers.

Name	Jabari Williams
Telephone Number	772-519-0308
Email Address	jabari.williams74@gmail.com
Organization Position	Executive Director (or CEO pick one)
City of Residence	Port St. Lucie
Qualifications	10 years coaching H.S. Athletes
Professional Licenses	Certified Correctional Probation Ofc.
Role in Project	Coach/Mentor

% of Time Dedicated to Project

100%

Name

Antoine Barber

Telephone Number

772-203-4470

Email Address

Roscoe0832@aol.com

Organization Position

Director of Athletics

City of Residence

Fort Pierce

Qualifications

Experienced athlete and coach

Professional Licenses

Role in Project

Director of Athletics

% of Time Dedicated to Project

75%

Name

James Monds Jr.

Telephone Number

954-817-5409

Email Address

james.monds@gmail.com

Organization Position

Educational Director

City of Residence

Port St. Lucie

Qualifications

7 years

Professional Licenses

Role in Project

Educational Director

% of Time Dedicated to Project

50%

27. Please attach **ALL** of the documents listed below to your application. Please include a written explanation for EACH document not included:

- Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws
- State and Federal Tax Exempt determination letter
- Employee Identification Number
- List of Board of Directors with contact information
- Organizational Chart for your Organization
- Board of Director's authorization to apply for this grant
- Last three month's bank statements
- Annual budgets for 2018 and 2019
- Most recent audit report (if this is not available, provide written explanation)
- Matching funds and In-Kind Services commitment documentation (Budget, page 16)
- Three (3) Letters of Support for this project
- Newspaper articles, and Thank-You letters, etc., as available, for your organization's work within the City of Fort Pierce.