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FIELKOW-CHASE YOUTH EDUCATION INITIATIVE

**A STARTING BLOCK IS USED BY ATHLETES TO BRACE
THEIR FEET AT THE START OF A RACE, ENABLING THEM TO
LAUNCH WITH MORE POWER AND SPEED.**

Are you interested in starting a career in sports? Apply now for the first class of The Starting Block: A Fielkow-Chase Youth Education Initiative, enrolling now for an 18-month program for eligible rising ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders from Greater New Orleans. **The program begins in October, 2021 and runs through spring 2023.**

Participants will learn from experts in sports administration and management at in-person classes every two months, weaving in educational outreach about African-American, Latino, and Jewish history and tradition. Students will also be eligible for summer 2022 shadowing opportunities at sports organizations across Greater New Orleans. Virtual enrichment opportunities may be periodically available as well.

Applications are due by August 1, 2021. Learn more at thestartingblocknola.com or email info@thestartingblocknola.com.



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of COMMERCE of Louisiana**



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Starting Block: A Fielkow-Chase Youth Education Initiative is designed to build impactful relationships between multicultural and multifaith communities in Greater New Orleans through the lens of practical learning and career building for high school students interested in pursuing professions within the sports industry.

This innovative program was jointly created by the Arnie D. Fielkow Family and the Edgar "Dooky" Jr. & Leah Chase Family Foundation. Those in New Orleans know these names well - this initiative combines the primary passions of Arnie Fielkow's nearly 30-year professional career: sports, Judaism, and fostering relationship building among the diverse subsets of diverse communities. The iconic Leah Chase devoted her entire life to social justice and change, and education, and utilized her unprecedented culinary talents to bring diverse New Orleanians together.

HOW IT WORKS

The Starting Block will launch its first cohort in August, 2021 with an initial class of 30 high school students reflecting the New Orleans African-American, Latino, and Jewish communities. Each class will complete an 18-month education cycle learning the ins and outs of the sports industry, with the goal of preparing them for a professional career in the field after college. The program curriculum will also highlight African-American and Latino history and challenges, as well as Jewish history and tradition. During the summer of 2022, students will gain hands-on shadowing experience at sports-related organizations throughout the Greater New Orleans area.

In-person classes will be held every two months, and will rotate between Tulane University, St. Augustine High School, Touro Synagogue, the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience, and other local venues. Additional virtual enrichments opportunities may be available.

EDUCATIONAL AND RECRUITING PARTNERS

The Center for Sport at Tulane University, under the direction of Dr. Gabe Feldman, will serve as The Starting Block's primary educational partner, and will be responsible for creating the 18-month curriculum and scheduling of classes. In addition, St. Augustine High School, Touro Synagogue, the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience, ADL, and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana will assist Tulane with the creation of historical and religious education modules. This initiative is made possible through the generosity of the Chase Family, the Fielkow Family, and the Melinda and Morris Mintz Family. Additional partners include the Major League Baseball New Orleans Youth Academy and Each One Save One.

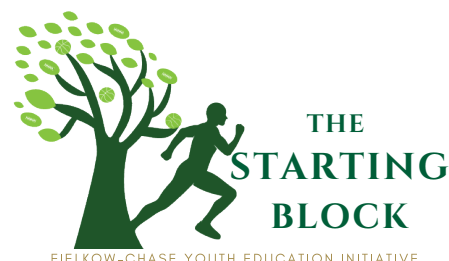


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APPLICATION FORM

Please fill out the following application for the 2021-2023 Fielkow-Chase Youth Education Initiative and return to info@thestartingblocknola.com by August 1, 2021.



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student Name (First/Last)

Student Email/Cell Phone

Custodial Parent/Guardian Name (First/Last)

Parent/Guardian Email/Cell Phone

Parent/Guardian Authorization for Student to Participate in Program (*parental signature below*)

PRESENT ADDRESS (RESIDENCE)

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Signature of Parent

MORE INFORMATION

Is there a particular area of sports or sports administration career in which you are interested?

Have you applied to college/university? What are your top three schools of interest?

Will you have reliable transportation available to help you access classes around the Greater New Orleans area?

High school you currently attend

Grade for 2021/2022 academic year

GPA (*for 2020-2021 school year*)

Other clubs or organizations with which you are involved

Volunteer/job experience

Student's t-shirt size (all sizes are adult):

Please let us know if the student has any dietary restrictions:

With your application, please attach your responses to the following questions (handwritten or typed; maximum of 250 word response per question) no later than August 1, 2021:

- **Tell us why you have an interest in a potential sports industry career.**
- **Why is this program of interest to you as it relates to multicultural and multifaith connections?**

PHOTO RELEASE/WAIVER

I hereby grant the Fielkow-Chase Youth Education Initiative permission to use my likeness in a photograph, video, or other digital media ("photo") in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration. I understand and agree that all photos will become the property of the Fielkow-Chase Youth Education Initiative and will not be returned. I hereby irrevocably authorize the Fielkow-Chase Youth Education Initiative to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute these photos for any lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photo. I hereby hold harmless, release, and forever discharge the Fielkow-Chase Youth Education Initiative from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE PHOTO RELEASE. I AFFIRM THAT I AM AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE, OR, IF I AM UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, I HAVE OBTAINED THE REQUIRED CONSENT OF MY PARENT/GUARDIAN AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR SIGNATURE BELOW.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I affirm that the student named below will be voluntarily participating in the eighteen month Fielkow-Chase Youth Education Initiative. I understand that participation in Fielkow-Chase Youth Education Initiative activities could involve the risk of personal injury, illness, death, or property damage or loss and that the Fielkow-Chase Youth Education Initiative cannot and does not guarantee safety therefrom. The Fielkow-Chase Youth Education Initiative does not provide health and accident insurance for cohort participants, and I understand that any medical expenses, property loss, or other personal expenditures that result during or from this program are to be borne by the student or by their parent/guardian. I also hereby consent and give authorization to Fielkow-Chase Youth Education Initiative ("program") leaders to secure any emergency medical treatment for the student as necessary, and I agree to be responsible for the costs thereof.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED FOR THE STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM, I, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE STUDENT, AGREED TO RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE STUDENT IS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM VOLUNTARILY AND AT HIS/HER OWN RISK; ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAM; AND AGREE TO RELEASE, DISCHARGE, DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE FIELKOW-CHASE YOUTH EDUCATION INITIATIVE AND ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM AND AGAINST ALL RIGHTS AND CLAIMS ARISING FROM ANY PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY LOSS OR DAMAGE THAT THE STUDENT MAY SUFFER DURING, OR AS A RESULT OF, HIS/HER PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM.

This release is intended to discharge the Fielkow-Chase Youth Education Initiative and its officers, directors, employees, and representatives from any and all liability arising from, or connected in any way with, the student's participation in the program, even though that liability may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities mentioned above, to the fullest extent permitted by law. The provisions of this Waiver and Release are severable. Should any part, term, or provision of this Waiver and Release be declared to be illegal or invalid, the validity of the remaining parts, terms, and provisions shall not be affected thereby, and said illegal or invalid part, term, or provision shall be deemed severable and not a part of this Waiver and Release.

Selection to the Fielkow-Chase Youth Education Initiative cohort is strictly at the discretion of the Board of Directors. I, on behalf of myself and the student, agree to release, discharge, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Fielkow-Chase Youth Education Initiative and its officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives from and against all rights and claims arising from the selection of the cohort.

Signature of the Applicant

Signature of Parent