



Imperial Council

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which corresponds to November 4, 2025



TO: Illustrious Potentates/Commandresses, Deputies, Youth Club Directors/Directresses, Nobles and Daughters

RE: 2026 Imperial Youth Conference

Greetings Everyone!

The 2026 Imperial Youth Conference will be held June 18–20, 2026, at the Augusta Marriott Hotel & Convention Center located at 2 Tenth Street, Augusta, GA. We look forward to another exciting and impactful conference as we celebrate our rich African American heritage while exploring a local HBCU and post-secondary institutions.

This year's theme, "Imperial Youth All-Stars: Foundation of Excellence," reflects our commitment to empowering youth through education, leadership, and cultural pride.

To ensure a smooth and timely start, all attendees are asked to check in on June 17, 2026. This will allow us to make final preparations before the conference officially begins on June 18th. Checkout will be the morning of June 21, 2026.

The regular planned activities, i.e., workshops, talent show, art show, book drive and competitions, will proceed as scheduled. New this year is the Youth Club E-Scrapbook, where clubs can showcase their activities and community service. Details are posted on the website. At the end of the conference, youth will participate in the HBCU All-Stars After Party where they will display their best-looking sneakers and jersey.

Please note: Due to budget cuts, youth clubs should plan to cover daily breakfast and lunch. In the meantime, the IYD team will continue to seek out sponsors and funding to assist. Updates will be provided.

Donations & Sponsors Requested

We ask that Temples, Courts, Deserts, members, friends and family support the Imperial Youth Department's Youth Conference by donating to <https://forms.aeonms.org/imperial/donations>. Select "Youth Department" then follow the steps. Please help make this conference special for our youth from across the Domain. As a token of gratitude, you or your entity will display on the website and the Sponsorship board during the youth conference.

To help you navigate through the conference registration process, below are conference details and helpful tips.

Registration & Fees

Registration Fee: \$25.00 for youth members, associate youth (SAM/DIME youth & non-member youth), and chaperones.
Guests - \$50. Note: The number of youth to chaperones ratio is 5 to 1 for workshops, meals and field trips. Additional chaperones & guests are responsible for their own meals etc. The Awards Ceremony is for everyone; however, the Banquet & Dance is only for the youth and chaperones based on the ratio.

Lodging & Youth Headquarters

The Youth Headquarters is the Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center, 2 Tenth Street, Augusta, GA. The room rate is \$159 per night plus tax and fees. To make reservations, call 1-888-236-2427. For online Reservations click [Book your group rate for AEAONMS, Imperial Youth Department, IMYD](#). Cut-off date: 6/4/26.



IYD Youth Forms

The IYD forms are fillable PDFs and can be downloaded from the “2026 Youth Conference” tab of www.aeaonmsyouth.org.

Forms Due: February 1, 2026, or Before!

- Letter of Intent
- Travel Distribution
- Talent Show Registration Form (*Submit only if your youth plan to participate in the talent competition*)

Forms Due: April 1, 2026, or Before!

- *Youth Clubs Conference Registration**
- Youth Participation Form
- *Member & Non-member Conference Registration (for adults, i.e., chaperones)**

Forms of Payment: write “Youth Registration” in the memo of the check/MO and make payable on or before the deadline dates to A.E.A.O.N.M.S. **Include a copy of the Youth Club Conference Registration Form:**

AEAONMS, Inc.
C/O Acct. Receivables-C/O Mrs. Gloria Lewis
2239 Democrat Rd
Memphis, Tennessee 38132

As a failsafe, please email the forms along with a copy of all payments to: youthdirector@aeaonms.org

Transportation To/From the Airport and Train Station

Please ensure you arrange transportation to and from the airport or train station via Uber or taxis. During the Imperial Youth Conference transportation will be provided by the Department for the youth club members who need it.

Schedule of Events and Competition Requirements

Visit the website for a tentative schedule of events and a list of competition requirements. Talent Show performances are a maximum of 3 minutes. Register via the Talent Show Registration Form by February 1, 2026. Use the Talent Show form for Art Contest, Electronic Scrapbook and other single individual performances. Remember all youth/youth clubs who are competing must submit the required paperwork before the deadline and report the first day of conference and attend the workshops. Upon arrival please check-in at the “Competitions” sign-in station. In order to participate in any of the competitions your group must be an official Imperial Youth Club. This means you have registered online, been in existence for at least 6 months to a year, have submitted your youth roster, submitted your annual calendar, background checks, and monthly reports to your Temple/Court and IYD Director. Notes: In order to streamline the competitions process, Teams/Units can only participate in a maximum of 5 Competitions and most importantly the Junior and Seniors categories are now combined into 1 category titled “Junior/Senior.”

Attire and Helpful Tips

Church Service attire consists of white skirts/dresses, blouses, and stockings for girls. Black slacks with a belt and a white collared shirt for boys. During the conference, Temple/Court shirts are allowed. During field trips IYD T-shirts required for identification and professional representation purposes.

Let us start preparing to make the 2026 Conference yet another memorable event. For additional information, contact either one of the following: Director James, 850-212-0054; Chief Deputy Turner-813-293-2421; or Chief Deputy McInain-254-251-0072.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Augusta, Georgia at the AEAONMS Imperial Youth Conference!

Sincerely,

Lorraine James

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HPIP Dr. Terrell Gray, Administrator

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