**2025 STUDENT EMERGE Insitute APPLICATION FORM**

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON—MAIN CAMPUS**
**June 9 – 18, 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

**EMERGE Institute Overview**

The **University of Houston EMERGE Institute** is an intensive leadership program designed to equip high school juniors and seniors with essential academic, professional, and leadership skills. The program emphasizes emotional intelligence, critical and strategic thinking, and collaborative learning. While open to all students, the program is especially designed to support students from historically underserved and underrepresented communities.

There is **no cost** associated with attending the EMERGE Institute. Students who will be classified as **juniors or seniors by Fall 2025** and have a passion for leadership in their classrooms, communities, and future careers are encouraged to apply.

During this two-week program, students will participate in workshops and courses focusing on academic excellence, self-improvement, and leadership development. Courses will include, but are not limited to, **college readiness, executive functioning, and strategic thinking**. University of Houston faculty, **African American Studies Alumni**, and other community leaders will serve as instructors and mentors.

The EMERGE Institute will take place at:
**University of Houston – Main Campus**
Agnes Arnold Hall
3553 Cullen Boulevard, Houston, TX 77004

Students will be selected from the **Greater Houston Metropolitan Area**, including school districts within **Harris, Fort Bend, Brazoria, and Galveston counties**.

**Application Process**

To be considered, applicants must submit:

* **A completed Student Application Form** (see below)
* **A 250-word essay** (see prompt below)
* **A teacher recommendation form** (included in this application packet)

Completed applications must be **postmarked by March 28, 2025**, and **sent or emailed** to:

Christopher Knight
University of Houston
Department of African American Studies
3553 Cullen Boulevard, Agnes Arnold Hall Room 629
Houston, TX 77204-3047 **OR** Email: cknight3@cougarnet.uh.edu

Applicants will be notified of their selection status no later than **April 3, 2025**. Some students may be invited for an interview before final selections are made. For questions, email Christopher Knight at **cknight3@cougarnet.uh.edu**.

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**Student Information**
(Please print in blue or black ink or type.)

* **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
(Last, First, Middle)
* **Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(City, State, Zip Code)

* **Ethnicity:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Gender:** ☐ Female ☐ Male
* **Adult T-shirt Size:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Current School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **School Type (Check all that apply):**
☐ Middle (6–8) ☐ K–8 ☐ K–12 ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
☐ Public ☐ Parochial ☐ Private ☐ Charter
* **Current Grade Level:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **School District/Parish:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **How did you learn about the EMERGE Institute?**

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