

**Attention  
Parent or Guardian  
of  
IBSA Streets University**



It is a requirement that the individual selected for **Streets University** (*StreetsU*) must be a bona fide resident of \_\_\_\_\_ with legal residence at the time of the interview.

This information must be reviewed and signed by a parent or guardian of the prospective student.

This form must be submitted with a **StreetsU Techpreneur Program** Enrollment Application.

I fully understand that as a condition of program participation with Streets University, all youth participants must reside within the boundaries of \_\_\_\_\_ as of their interview or orientation.

I fully understand that as a condition of participation with **StreetsU**, all selected youth are required to attend an orientation provided by approved staff members of IBSA or one of our '**Program Partners**'. If my child is selected to participate in the program, as the parent / guardian, I permit **IBSA, Inc.** to proceed with the process as part of the program requirements and procedures.

The legal address for the below named StreetsU applicant is within \_\_\_\_\_ County limits:  
[ ] YES [ ] NO

Youth Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current School \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender** [ ] Male [ ] Female > **Internet Access** [ ] YES [ ] NO > **Email:** [ ] YES [ ] NO

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Parent / Guardian Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent / Guardian*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS PAGE WITH APPLICATION**

It is very important that applicants and parent(s) / Guardian(s) read through this information carefully and completely.

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**Application Received By** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title** \_\_\_\_\_  
*IBSA or Program Partner Staff*

**Accepted to program:** YES [ ] NO [ ] **Attended Orientation:** YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Youth Referred By** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_

**Referral Source**

WIOA [ ] JJA [ ] TANF [ ] Foster Care [ ] Agency [ ] School Counselor [ ] Other [ ]

**Detach And Keep Pages 3 - 6  
Only Return Pages 1 & 2 with letter of recommendation to the Program Administrator**

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This handout is designed to provide general information about the **Streets University Techpreneur Program**. More information will be provided during orientation if selected to participate, and students will learn what's next after being selected.

The program will be accepting up to \_\_\_\_\_ students this calendar year. The primary goal of orientation is to determine who is really interested & willing to participate in the program. The secondary goal of orientation is to provide each applicant a chance to introduce themselves and to ask questions..

Those selected to participate in StreetsU will have the opportunity to earn real money for work they do for the organization and/or its partners & affiliates.

### **The Interviews**

You will not be contacted for an interview by prospective business sponsors. Every student that wishes to interview & recruit prospective business owners as their program sponsors, will need to either seek out and solicit them on their own or follow-up on referrals provided by a program Advisor, Facilitator or Administrator. Prospective Sponsors may also be identified by friends, family members, school counselors and those suggested by business owners you have interviewed and/or recruited.

#### **Program Information Will Include:**

Date enrollment begins

Date & time of orientation

Scheduled dates & time for core workshops, group sessions, field trips, etc.

*Interested youth unable to attend orientation must call the Program Administrator.*

#### **Participation & Absenteeism:**

Participating youth who are unable to attend an interview they've scheduled with a prospective Program Sponsor, must call them in advance to re-schedule another day & time in a timely manner.

Upon arrival for the interview, the student must make contact with the person they spoke with to setup the interview or to ask to speak with the business owner from a secretary or other direct staff member.

*Parent(s), Guardian(s), friends or family members are not allowed to sit in on the interview process.*

## Overview

**Streets University** (*StreetsU*) offer opportunities for both youth and young adults to learn specific tech skills that are valuable to many small businesses and nonprofit organization, and an opportunity to transform those skills into a respectable income or a fulfilling career. Activities are structured to provide a practical experience, occupational skill training and adequate information on topics such as financial literacy, tech careers, and developing soft-skills. are covered through guest speakers .

**Streets University** is a division of **IBSA, Inc.**, a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation. As a ‘social enterprise’ we are always open to partnerships with other nonprofits, small business concerns and individuals to facilitate, grow & expand the program. Students are not only provided instructional workshops that cover many topics relating to basic and advancing technology, but we also them access to the tools and resources necessary to be successful in all areas of the program. Youth that choose to participate in StreetsU will be informed on where program activities take place, briefed on field trips options, and will learn about other tasks and responsibilities expected of them.

The intent of StreetsU is to instill a sense of personal responsibility, so there are no required hours per day or week they have to spend recruiting program sponsors; but students are expected to participate in all group activities & workshops and to learn the core skills needed to use the **WordPress Platform**.

**Interested Youth must be 13 - 17\* years of age to participate, low-income and motivated.**

Youth must be bona fide residents of \_\_\_\_\_ with legal residence inside the city limits in which they participate.

Our students are expected to participate in the program throughout the year as it relates to recruiting program sponsors and completing all related documents, correspondence, tasks or assignments.

Students are required to wear appropriate attire during field trips and other group activities outside of the class and workshops. This includes scheduled meetings with current or prospective sponsors.

**Important Compensation Information** - All StreetsU students will need to open a **PayPal** or bank account in order to receive compensation payments for program sponsors recruited or for contract work we will pay them for. This means that once a student has mastered certain tech skills, they can expect to get paid for services by IBSA, partner organizations or for work they procure on their own.

*For more information or assistance in creating an account with **PayPal** or opening a bank account with a partner financial institution, speak with IBSA Staff or your local program administrator.*

***IBSA, Inc.** is committed to providing a safe and positive work environment for StreetsU students. The program will comply with the US Department of Labor Fair Standards Act and Child Labor Laws.*

## **Program Staff**

Lazone Grays – Program Director (National)

## **StreetsU Advisors**

Advisors are selected based on their life experience, subject-matter knowledge & expertise, size of their network and the ability to be a positive role model for our youth participants.

**Other Approved Staff:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Interview Tips**

**Arrive Early:** It is a good idea to arrive about 10 minutes early for an interview; it shows you are punctual and eager to excel in the program. Be patient while waiting for your interview – the interview process for all students may take some time and the waiting period may vary depending each business owner(s) schedule.

**Dress for Success:** Dress appropriately for an interview. More tips and information are provided in this packet.

**Greet the Business Owner with a Firm Handshake:** Smile, offer a firm handshake, immediately introduce yourself and say something like “I’m pleased to meet you’ or ‘I’ve been looking forward to speaking with you.’ During the interview, sit with good posture. If you don’t know what to do with your hands, keep them folded in your lap. This is another indication of good manners.

**Eye Contact:** Maintain eye contact with your prospective program sponsor. Show you want their sponsorship support with your interest.

**Electronic Devices:** Cell phones, Beats, iPads, Tablets or any item of this nature must be turned off or placed on silent mode during your interview time.

## **Dress for Success**

When prospecting program sponsors, first impressions are very important. Remember, you are representing more than yourself, but the program and your neighborhood – to a potential sponsor. The first thing they will see when greeting you is your dress attire. You need to take every effort to have the proper dress for the interview; although it will not guarantee a business owner or agency will sponsor you. What it will do is give you a competitive edge and a positive first impression.

How you should dress? Conservatively is always the safest route and it is best to avoid bright, flashy colors.

How do you find out what is the proper attire for a given business owner? Well, the program facilitator will provide you with examples and you will also have the option to obtain StreetsU attire that will meet every occasion; regardless of which business you meet with. Do you need to run out and spend a lot of money on clothing for interviewing? No, but if you choose not to obtain the StreetsU standard attire, you should make sure that you have at least one nice outfit for your interviews.

We suggest the following, if you choose to wear clothing you already own:

**Males** - a button down shirt or polo shirt and slacks.

**Females** - a dress, skirt and blouse, or dress slacks and blouse are appropriate. Dresses and skirts should not be too short and blouses should not be too low cut. Wear low-heeled shoes and minimal jewelry.

## **Tips & Hints for Dress**

- Always be well groomed
- Clean and polish shoes
- Well groomed hair
- Cleaned and trimmed fingernails
- Minimal use of cologne or perfume
- Well-brushed teeth and fresh breath
- No gum, candy or other objects in your mouth

**Streets University - A Youth Tech / Enterprise Development Program  
Youth Techpreneur Initiative**

**Required Document Checklist**

To determine if you are eligible for StreetsU, you must bring documentation with you to orientation.

**Bring Copies Only – Original Documents Can Not Be Accepted**

To determine age eligibility, you must bring a **copy** of one item from Category 1.

To determine City/County residency eligibility, you must bring a **copy** of one item from Category 2.

If you are selected for StreetsU, you will be required to provide additional documents to prove commitment to both learning and earning. Further details will be provided to the students selected to participate in the program.

**Category 1**

**Proof of Age**

- State Drivers License or I.D. or
- Birth Certificate or
- Valid U.S. Passport

**Category 2**

**Proof of Address**

- Home Utility Bill or
- Current Lease or Mortgage Statement or
- Official Mail from Federal, State or City Agency

**COMMENTS:**



**Accepted to program: YES [ ] NO [ ] Attended Orientation: YES [ ] NO [ ]**