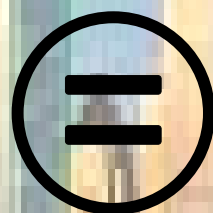


# **Urban League of Greater Dallas Young Professionals**

*New Member Handbook 2008*





**Dear Young Professionals,**

Thank you for your interest in the Urban League of Greater Dallas Young Professionals (ULGDYP). By signing up for ULGDYP Access, you are now connected with the Young Professional community of Dallas, Ft. Worth and the surrounding community.



Our goal is to provide relevant, insightful information for civic-minded individuals between the ages of 21 and 40. We will provide events and information in the areas of Economic Empowerment, Political Activism, Professional Development and Community Outreach that affect DFW and the surrounding communities. You will also be able to keep up with what we are doing in the community. We are pretty busy, so this should be interesting...

While we as Young Professionals work hard, we play hard as well. Our YP Access newsletter will also provide information on YP sponsored or supported social events from wine tastings, to backyard barbecues. And if you are looking to recycle your dollars in the community, check out our business ads!

As you read our newsletter each month, you may be inclined to get involved. We are currently accepting applications for the following:

- Young Professionals between the ages of 21 and 40
- Must seek to excel in their chosen field/industry
- Must desire to give back to their community
- Must be willing to socialize and fraternize with other YPs
- Must be ready for collective and individual success

Our membership is diverse. From entrepreneurs to engineers to chiropractors to educators, we represent many industries. As an auxiliary of the Urban League of Greater Dallas, we benefit from their professional and civic knowledge as they groom us to take leadership in the local and national Urban League movement. Additionally, our affiliation with the National Urban League and National Urban League Young Professionals gives us friends and colleagues across the country.

If you are ready, visit our website at [www.ulgdyp.org](http://www.ulgdyp.org). If you need special assistance, email us at [info@ulgdyp.org](mailto:info@ulgdyp.org) and we will be happy to assist. For more information on the National movement, visit [www.nul.org](http://www.nul.org).

Sincerely,  
Brandi Richard  
President  
Urban League of Greater Dallas Young Professionals



## ORIGIN

The Urban League of Greater Dallas Young Professionals (formerly the Young Adult Council) was created by the Urban League of Greater Dallas (ULGD) & North Central Texas (NCT) and approved as an auxiliary in 1991 in accordance with the National Urban League's rules promulgating national auxiliaries.

## MISSION

The mission of the Urban League movement is to enable African Americans to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights.

## EMPOWERMENT AGENDA

The Urban League employs a five point strategy, tailored to local needs, in order to implement the mission of our movement:

- **Education and Youth Empowerment:** Ensuring that all of our children are well educated and prepared for economic self-reliance in the 21st century through college scholarships, early childhood literacy, Head Start and after care programs.
- **Economic Empowerment:** Empowering all people in attaining economic self-sufficiency through job training, good jobs, homeownership, entrepreneurship and wealth accumulation.
- **Health and Quality of Life Empowerment:** Working to build healthy and safe communities to eliminate health disparities through prevention, healthy eating, fitness, as well as ensuring access and complete access to affordable healthcare for all people.
- **Civic Engagement and Leadership Empowerment:** Empowering all people to take an active role in determining the direction, quality of life, public policy and leadership in their communities by full participation as citizens and voters, as well as through active community service and leadership development.
- **Civil Rights and Racial Justice Empowerment:** Promoting and ensuring our civil rights by actively working to eradicate all barriers to equal participation in the all aspects of American society, whether political, economic, social, educational or cultural.

## PROGRAMS

- 1) Leadership Development Conference
- 2) Renaissance Ball

## YP EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

**President, Brandi Richard**  
[president@ulgdyp.org](mailto:president@ulgdyp.org)

**Vice President, Anthony Murphy**  
[vice\\_president@ulgdyp.org](mailto:vice_president@ulgdyp.org)

**Secretary, Tonya Burton**  
[secretary@ulgdyp.org](mailto:secretary@ulgdyp.org)

**Treasurer, Caressa Foreman**  
[treasurer@ulgdyp.org](mailto:treasurer@ulgdyp.org)

**Parliamentarian, Jeremiah Quarles**

**Historian, TBD**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monthly Meetings:

- **General Body Meetings**—Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.
- **Committee Meetings**—Meetings may be held monthly or on an as-needed basis. Check with your Committee chairperson for more details.
- **Executive Committee Meetings**—Meetings are held monthly. Elections of new officers are held in November. Check with your YP President for more details.

### Dates to Remember:

- **UL Annual Meeting and Luncheon: Feb. 2008**—An annual luncheon to reflect on past accomplishments and look towards future accomplishments. New officers will be installed to continue the legacy.
- **Legislative Policy Conference: March 2008**—This two-day summit will host meetings on Capitol Hill with U. S. Senators and Representatives to raise awareness among the nation's leaders about the issues affecting the communities we serve. NUL's landmark annual publication, *The State of Black America*, will be launched.
- **National Day of Service: May 2008**—A national initiative targeting youth between the ages of 12 and 18 to deliver focused education in the area of savings, credit, money management, etc.
- **National Urban League Annual Conference: Jul/Aug 2008**—The National Urban League Annual Conference represents the largest gathering of African American professionals in the nation to dialogue about the most critical issues confronting the African-American and urban communities, and to strategize about empowering solutions.
- **Annual Gala: August 2008**—The Annual fundraiser for ULGD in direct support of the programs and services provided to the community.
- **Leadership Development Conference: Sept. 2008**—An annual conference to build relationships and provide relevant professional development for young professionals in the metroplex.
- **Renaissance Ball: TBD**—The signature fundraising event to meet YP's annual budget objectives. The accomplishments of 5 Young Professionals who are performing at the top of their game will be highlighted.

\*\*\*For additional information on events and activities, members will be contacted by e-mail and phone (including text messages). However, you can stay current on events with ULGD Young Professionals by visiting the website at [www.ulgdyp.org](http://www.ulgdyp.org) or sending an e-mail to [info@ulgdyp.org](mailto:info@ulgdyp.org)\*\*\*

## YP COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee shall be responsible for the recruiting of new members through various membership drives; the processing and application of new members, which includes tracking attendance for regularly scheduled meetings and events; and retaining current members by encouraging them to help execute the mission, vision, and programs of the ULGDYP.

CHAIRPERSON: **Nakoya Moss**  
[membership@ulgdyp.org](mailto:membership@ulgdyp.org)

### SOCIAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE

The Social and Cultural Committee focuses on the planning of social and cultural activities in order for members to have the opportunity to network with others in a diverse environment.

CHAIRPERSON: **Amber Chalmers**  
[social\\_chair@ulgdyp.org](mailto:social_chair@ulgdyp.org)

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Community Outreach Committee focuses on the development and implementation of the community service calendar and events. This committee serves to recruit volunteers to address the economic, education, cultural, and health needs of the community.

CHAIRPERSON: **Jeremiah Quarles**  
[community\\_outreach@ulgdyp.org](mailto:community_outreach@ulgdyp.org)

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Professional Development Committee focuses on developing programs to help individuals grow as professionals and achieve personal success.

CHAIRPERSON: **TBD**  
[professional\\_development@ulgdyp.org](mailto:professional_development@ulgdyp.org)

### COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The Communications and Technology Committee focuses on the management of communication vehicles (website, newsletters and articles, membership info, brochures/flyers, business cards, and other general contact information) to execute the mission, vision, and programs of the ULGDYP.

CHAIRPERSON: **Shaunte L. Allen**  
[communications@ulgdyp.org](mailto:communications@ulgdyp.org)

## **POLITICAL ACTIVISM COMMITTEE**

The Political Activism Committee ensures that ULGDYP members are aware of current events surrounding politics; and attempts to stimulate participation in the political process.

**CHAIRPERSON: Jamilah Moon**  
[political\\_activism@ulgdyp.org](mailto:political_activism@ulgdyp.org)

## **ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE**

The Economic Empowerment Committee formulates plans to assist the community and other young professionals in obtaining economic empowerment via training and/or entrepreneur enlightenment.

**CHAIRPERSON: Demetris Williams and Michelyn Washington**  
[economic\\_empowerment@ulgdyp.org](mailto:economic_empowerment@ulgdyp.org)

## **STRATEGIC ALLIANCES AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

The Strategic Alliances and Fundraising Committee focuses on the strategic planning of ULGDYP to meet its annual budget objectives. Duties regulating funds to be spent on programs and administrative operations, planning events intended to generate revenue, and soliciting corporate sponsorship.

**CHAIRPERSON: Kalen Thornton**  
[strategic\\_alliances@ulgdyp.org](mailto:strategic_alliances@ulgdyp.org)

## **HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE**

The Health and Quality of Life Committee focuses on bringing awareness of general health concerns in the African-American community. Topics include nutrition, access to health care, and prevention.

**CHAIRPERSON: Mila Davis**  
[health@ulgdyp.org](mailto:health@ulgdyp.org)

### Meeting Locations

**Urban League of Greater Dallas  
4315 S. Lancaster RD.  
Dallas, TX 75216**

**Center for Community Cooperation  
2900 Live Oak Street  
Dallas, TX 75204**

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Urban League of Greater Dallas Young Professionals (ULGDYP), an auxiliary organization of the Urban League of Greater Dallas & NCT, is a network of metroplex professionals, ages 21 - 40, who work to advance the Urban League agenda by establishing programs focused on *financial empowerment, real world education* and *political participation*. We welcome you to our quest to make a positive difference!

### Membership Requirements:

- Be a young professional between the ages of 21-40
- Have an interest in serving the community through social and civic engagement
- Pay annual membership dues in the amount of \$50
- Attend meetings and events

### Membership Benefits:

- Membership to the Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas
- Access to dynamic speakers and presenters at ULGDYP meetings
- Invitation to social and networking events and receive discounts when available
- Community Service Opportunities
- Opportunity to become a youth mentor
- Official Membership Card
- Receive the *Urban Influence Magazine*
- Opportunities to develop professional and personal relationships

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Annual dues are \$50.00 and must be renewed on an annual basis; submit check, cashier's check, or money order made payable to...

Urban League of Greater Dallas Young Professionals  
P. O. Box 131997  
Dallas, TX 75313

214-915-4600  
[www.ulgdyp.org](http://www.ulgdyp.org)

## Membership Application

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Race or Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

Profession \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own a business?  Yes  No

If yes, please provide details:

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I am interested in the following committee(s):

Membership Committee

Social and Cultural Committee

Community Outreach Committee

Professional Development Committee

Communications and Technology Committee

Political Activism Committee

Economic Empowerment Committee

Strategic Alliances and Fundraising

Health and Quality of Life Committee

*You can get more information about each committee, such as descriptions, meeting times and locations, and monthly events, on the committee's web page at [www.ulgdyp.org](http://www.ulgdyp.org).*

Yes, my company/organization matches my membership dues!!

If yes, please provide the name, number, and address of the appropriate contact person:

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