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What is the **Sankofa Youth Initiative (SYI)**

The Afrikan Kulcha School (AKS) Inc. is an African centered 501 (c) 3 organization that provides cultural education to youth in Orlando, Florida. In 2015, AKS collaborated with Habesha Inc. to promulgate the Sankofa Youth Initiative (SYI). Habesha Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization which has taken over sixty (60) youths to Ghana and Ethiopia through its Habesha Black to Our Roots program over the last ten (10) years. The SYI is a sister program of the Black to Our Roots program but spans one (1) year of instructive preparation and will culminate in a two(2) week travel study trip to Africa, during the summer of 2019 specifically Ghana for its maiden mission.

Objectives of the Sankofa Youth Initiative (SYI)

To promote youth leadership and a Rites of Passage program for Middle/ High School youth from underserved urban environments.

The cost to accommodate each SYI participant is \$3500 USD* which includes airfare, lodging food and costs associated with transportation and planned activities for the two (2) week stay.

You can support the Initiative by one, all or a combination of the following:

- ✓ **Donate to the SYI (tax deductible cash and in kind donations)**
- ✓ **Donate to a SYI Participant**
- ✓ **Share SYI via Electronic and Print Media or Social Media**
- ✓ **Provide an audience for us to speak on the SYI**

With **your** support, the youth will benefit by:

1. Establishing Cultural Bonds with Youth in the Diaspora,

2. Learning sustainable living practices including gardening and camping as well basic survival skills,
3. Studying the achievements and history of Africans in the diaspora to gain cultural awareness, and display all they have learnt via Video Programs and Artistic Performances which explore issues relevant to the African Diasporic community.

Only students who have demonstrated sustained commitment to the program are eligible to travel, and we hope you will help us to show them that there is abundant support for their life dreams. We appreciate your assistance in this regard. For more information, contact

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Asante Sana !Thank You! Sankofa!