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Dear Applicant:

Allow me to be the first to thank you for showing interest in the greatest mentoring organization in the world – 100 Black Men. Your consideration in joining the Metropolitan St. Louis Chapter is an indication you plan to obligate yourself to the financial and time commitments membership in this organization demands. While we always need sincere, committed, and talented members, we are less interested in those who are not willing to help us make a difference in our community. The name 100 Black Men is held in high regard in our community and thus the slogan ***“Real Men Giving Real Time”*** has been coined as our trademark.

Since 1983 the 100 Black Men of Metropolitan St. Louis has significantly impacted the St. Louis metropolitan area and every year we get stronger and expand our programs to meet the needs of our community. We are proud of our efforts thus far, but realize there is still a lot of work. The services we provide in the St. Louis area can be summarized in four key areas which we call our ***“Four For the Future”*** programs...*Mentoring, Education, Economic Development, and Health and Wellness.*

With over 14,000 members in 103 chapters, “The 100” is consistently recognized as community leaders and was ranked the #1 mentoring organization in the United States in 2004. In 2005, our local chapter worked on a variety of events which benefited our community including diabetes and kidney screenings, prostate cancer and survivors walk, wealth building seminars, computer literacy training program, essay contests, high school scholarship fair, individual scholarship awards, group and individual mentoring and role modeling programs, etc.

In 2006, we broke ground for the construction of a facility to house all of our programs and services, allowing us to do even more for our community. There are several items perspective members must know and provide us prior to joining our local chapter.

1. Volunteer your time to assist “The 100” in one of our upcoming community service projects.
2. Complete the request for Child-Care and Elder-Care Worker Registration form, including a check payable for \$5.00 to Missouri Department of Health.
3. Complete a 100 Black Men of Metropolitan St. Louis application, submit and forward a fee of \$250.00. Membership dues are \$500.00 annually and you will be required to pay an additional \$250.00 to cover the remaining portion of your dues at the time of your induction.
4. Submit a recent personal photo-head shot preferable.
5. Provide us with a current resume`

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6. Review the attached fact sheet and complete and forward us your interest form. We would like to know what committee you would like to serve within 30 days of your induction.

Please send all membership application materials to:

Lawson Calhoun
5094 Washington Place
St. Louis, MO 63108

You should know that our members are required to actively participate:

- *in the “**Four For the Future**” programs:*
 - *Mentoring.*
 - *Education.*
 - *Economic Development.*
 - *and Health & Wellness*
- *Purchase at least one table at the Black Tie Gala every October (cost \$750.00 – selling 10 tickets for the event @ \$75.00 per ticket = \$750.00). We also request you assist us in providing sponsorship for the Black Tie Gala.*
- *You are also requested to sell at least one table to the Oldie but Goodie Dance in March of every year (Cost \$150.00 – Ticket prices \$15.00 per ticket).*
- *Assist with the planning and participation in our annual golf tournament. In addition,*
- *We are asking each member to consider purchasing a brick to defray mortgage expenses at \$500.00 or \$1000.00 a brick for our building. This is strictly a donation to help us provide assistance to our community. Also, you should know we spearhead several worthy events throughout the year and your presence and participation is requested at each event.*
- *Attend 75% of the General Body meeting.*
- *If for some reason you cannot support an event by being present or cannot be present for a general body meeting, please notify the president or a board member as soon as possible. Remember - Real Men Give Real Time...*

Take care, and we will be awaiting your completed application and interest form.

With admiration for your inquiry,

Lawson Calhoun, Membership Chair
100 Black Men of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc.