



Frequently Asked Questions About BRYC

Note: We call our students "Fellows"

How much does BRYC cost?

BRYC is **completely free**. We just ask for Fellows' time and effort. During college tours, BRYC usually asks Fellows / families to pay for 1-2 of their own meals. If we fly to our destination (example: North Carolina), we ask families to cover just their plane tickets.

Does BRYC provide transportation?

At this time, BRYC does not provide transportation to and from our campus. However, we do help arrange carpooling between families, and we try to limit the number of days Fellows *have* be at BRYC. We hope to be able to offer transportation in the future.

What is BRYC all about?

BRYC is about three things:

- **College:** We offer Fellows ACT prep and academic guidance, and help them get into 4-year colleges with strong financial aid.
- **Consciousness:** We talk and write about our feelings and what's really going on in the city, country, and world.
- **Community:** We uplift and support one another, and we take advantage of the many resources the BRYC Community offers.

What is a BRYC program? Like, when we say "program," what do we mean?

In BRYC's language, the word "program" means any course, event, or initiative that BRYC offers. Fellows have two mandatory programs per week. One example of a mandatory program is ACT Prep, and another is Junior Writing Workshop. Other programs are not mandatory, such as college tours, poetry club, or our holiday party. For a better understanding of BRYC programs, click [HERE](#).

When do BRYC's weekly mandatory programs take place?

BRYC's weekly mandatory programs take place Monday through Thursday from 5:00-8:00pm.

In BRYC, what does each grade focus on?

Go to thebryc.org/programs for an overview of BRYC's programs and services.

Where do BRYC programs take place?

Almost all BRYC programs take place at the BRYC Campus, located at 460 N. 11th Street in downtown Baton Rouge. During the year, BRYC hosts a number of special programs and events – such as college tours, retreats, parties, and more – that take place off campus.

Do I have to reapply to BRYC every year of high school?

No, you do not. However, once you get into BRYC, you are not guaranteed to stay in. For Fellows to remain in BRYC, they must attend BRYC programs, earn all As and Bs at minimum, and complete assignments related to their BRYC College Success Plans.

As a Fellow, how often do I *have* to come to BRYC?

Each Fellow has two mandatory programs per week that can take place between Monday through Thursday. Fellows are able to complete both their mandatory programs on one evening from 5:00-8:00pm. If Fellows prefer to split their programs over two days, that is fine as well.



How important is it for me to attend my weekly mandatory programs?

They are mandatory for a reason. BRYC Fellows must attend a very high percentage of their weekly mandatory programs in order to remain in BRYC. The bigger consequence of being absent is missing information that is critical to your future.

Can I be a BRYC Fellow and still participate in other activities, such as sports, clubs, etc.?

Absolutely! In fact, we strongly encourage extracurricular involvement. If you have other activities or commitments that may conflict with your BRYC schedule, all we ask is that you communicate with us and make up any absences.

Can I come to BRYC on days when I don't *have* to be there?

As long as BRYC is open, Fellows are welcome on campus! At BRYC, there's way more than just your two mandatory weekly programs. From 4:00-8:00pm, you can get support from a tutor or counselor, meet with your BRYC mentor, and more. If you show up before 4:00pm, you are welcome to work independently, grab a snack and chill in The Basement, or just hang out until program starts.

Will BRYC help me pay for college?

BRYC pays for a limited number of ACT registration, ACT score report, and college application fees. We also offer direct financial assistance to help Fellows transition to college. Otherwise, we provide Fellows the tools they need to earn their own scholarships.

If I am in BRYC, am I guaranteed to get scholarships?

BRYC is a nonprofit organization that is not financially capable of paying students' tuition bills. However, we can promise that Fellows who work extremely hard and commit to their College Success Plans will go to four-year colleges of their dreams with strong financial aid packages. Each year, some Fellows earn full scholarships while others earn the bare minimum. If you are not willing to put the work in, we cannot make any promises.

Does BRYC end after I graduate from high school?

No, you can't get rid of us that easily! BRYC continues to support Fellows once they are in college by connecting them to valuable resources on their campuses. We also work hard to help "College Fellows" and "Alumni" stay connected to the BRYC Community.

What if I have more questions?!

We got you! For help, call *(225) 456-5752 ext. 1* or email *admissions@thebryc.org*.