The Ulysses S. Grant Foundation is an academic enrichment program for talented and motivated middle school students from New Haven. Since 1953, U.S. Grant has drawn on the experience and enthusiasm of Yale undergraduates to challenge students so they can acquire the academic preparation they will need to succeed in their current school environment and college. The program is designed for bright students who might have limited opportunities and resources to participate in academic enrichment activities.

The Summer Program
U.S. Grant offers a six-week summer program on the Yale campus for New Haven students entering grades 6-9. Each morning in small classes of 10-15 students, Yale undergraduates teach classes to challenge and excite their students. Classes are fun, interdisciplinary, and hands-on. In the afternoon, students participate in electives, activities, and field trips.

Key Information
- **Dates and attendance:** This year the summer program runs from June 27 – August 5, 2016. Students are expected to attend all days of the summer program and only students who can commit to the entire summer should apply.
- **Cost and financial aid:** The entire cost of the summer program for families is $75 and is due at orientation. Financial aid is available to a limited number of students. If interested, please make a note on the application. Family income and other information may be requested.

The Application Process
- **Returning students’ process:** All returning students must re-apply for admission to the program and are not guaranteed re-admission. The admissions committee will review returning students’ past records of behavior, participation, attendance, grades and teacher comments.
- **What to submit:** The application consists of the following forms:
  o Personal Data Form
  o Student Application Form
  o Request for Student’s Records Form*
  o Academic Teacher Recommendation Form*
Please note that the asterisked (*) items need to be completed by teachers and/or counselors at school and returned directly to the U.S. Grant Foundation. Submit these forms to the school as soon as possible to allow adequate time to meet the deadline.
- **Application deadline:** All application materials must be postmarked by Friday, February 5, 2016. All applications must be mailed.
- **Admissions Decisions:** We will notify all students of the decisions of the Admissions Committee in March.

If you have any questions, please look carefully at the U.S. Grant website [http://yale.edu/usgrant]. If you still have questions, email usgrantdirectors@gmail.com or call us at 203-624-6523.
STUDENT (Please print)

Student’s Name: ____________________________
Current Grade in School: ____________________
Date of Birth: _______/_____/_____
Gender: __________________
Race/Ethnicity (optional): American Indian/Alaska Native [ ] Hispanic or Latino [ ]
Black or African American [ ] Asian/Pacific Islander American [ ] Caucasian [ ]
Other [ ] (Please specify): ____________________
How many years have you attended U.S. Grant? __________________

EDUCATION

Present School: ____________________________
School Address: ____________________________________________ Street City State ZIP
Other schools attended in the past two years: __________________

PARENTS/GUARDIANS (To be filled out by Parent or Legal Guardian)

Parent/Guardian 1: ____________________________
Address/City/ZIP: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________
Occupation: ____________________________
Employer: ____________________________
Work Phone: ____________________________
Cell Phone: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________
Preferred method of contact: ____________________________
Highest Grade Completed: ____________________________
With whom does the student live? ____________________________
What languages are spoken in the student’s home? ____________________________
Which language(s) did the student learn first (please select one)? English Only [ ] Another Language [ ]
English & Another Language [ ] Please Specify Non-English Language: ____________________________
Student’s Name: ____________________________
School: _____________________________________
Current Grade: ________________________

PROGRAM FEE  □ Please consider me for a program fee scholarship.
               □ I received a scholarship last year.

Please note that income and other information may be requested from families.

ATTENDANCE Daily attendance is integral to the mission of U.S. Grant. Please initial after each statement.

1. If accepted, I will ensure that my student will attend all days of the program. ______
2. I will not plan vacations, or other commitments that conflict with U.S. Grant. ______
3. I understand students may be asked to leave the program if they do not comply. ______

SIGNATURE
I grant permission for the release of any and all school records (grade reports, test scores, attendance, and transcripts) in support of my child’s application.

Parent Signature ___________________________ Date _________________

CONSENT & RELEASE
Please circle yes or no, regarding permission for the U.S Grant Summer Program to include your son or daughter in the following components of our program. Participation in the U.S. Grant Summer Program is not dependent on answering yes to any of the following questions.

I give permission to allow my son/daughter to fill out surveys, and participate in interviews to share his/her perceptions of the benefits and quality of the U.S. Grant program. I understand that my child can discontinue participation in these surveys and interviews at any time.

YES       NO

I give permission for my student to attend all U.S. Grant-sponsored field trips.

YES       NO

I give permission to the U.S. Grant Summer Program to obtain my son/daughter’s school records (e.g., courses taken, grades, and test scores). This information will be used in conjunction with other survey data and will be maintained in electronic files with strict confidentiality.

YES       NO

I understand that some of the collected information may result in data publication, but that all responses will be treated as confidential and will be reported as a group. Details about individuals or families will be kept confidential and not disclosed.

YES       NO

I give the U.S. Grant Summer Program permission to use my son/daughter’s/my photograph(s), essays, quotes, or coursework in promotional materials and publicity efforts. I understand that the item(s) may be used in a publication, print ad, electronic media (e.g. video, Internet), or other form of promotion. I release the Ulysses S. Grant Foundation, Yale University, the photographer, their office, employees, agents, and designees from liability for any violation of any personal or proprietary right I may have in connection with such use.

YES       NO

Student Name _____________________________________________________________

Name of Legal Parent/Guardian ______________________________________________

Signature of Legal Parent/Guardian ___________________________ Date _____________________
Note to the Applicant: Please answer the following questions in the space provided, without help from family, friends, or teachers. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions.

1. Why do you want to continue to participate in the U.S. Grant program?

2. What do you think you offer the program?

3. Think about last summer. What was the most important thing you learned at Grant and why has it been so important to you?

4. If you were the director of U.S. Grant what would you change about the program?

5. Three words that describe me are:

6. What is your favorite subject in school and why?
7. Please answer the question that corresponds to your current grade in school

6th Grade: You are a U.S. Grant teacher. Design a course for Grant students. Be creative.

7th Grade: What advice would you give a new U.S. Grant student?

8th Grade: Choose one way that Grant has impacted you. This could be in your community, with your academics, your relationships with others, or something else. Think critically and provide a detailed response.

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8. In the following space, please describe a challenge you’ve faced in the last year. How did you solve it? Now that you can look back on the problem, did you handle it in the best way? Would you have done anything differently?

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If there is anything else you would like to share with the U.S. Grant Admissions Committee, please attach a separate sheet. Thank you for completing this form.

I promise that I have completed this application on my own and without any outside help. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the program. Further, I agree to fully participate in the program by attending all scheduled classes and activities.

Student’s Signature _______________________________________ Date __________________
Dear Principal or School Counselor,

Please release a copy of ________________________'s academic transcript and his/her grades from the most recent marking period to the Ulysses S. Grant Foundation.

The transcript/report card, along with any standardized test score information, should be sent by **Friday, February 5, 2016** to:

**Admissions Committee**

**Ulysses S. Grant Foundation**

P.O. Box 200082

New Haven, CT 06520
The Ulysses S. Grant Foundation is a sixty-two-year old academic summer program designed to enrich the education of talented and motivated New Haven middle school students. **U.S. Grant is not a remedial tutoring program.** Due to the selectivity of our program, please consider the student very carefully before recommending him/her. We seek creative and motivated students who can perform well in classrooms and in small groups. We require your honest evaluation of this student. **All responses will be kept confidential** and under no circumstances will be shared with the candidate.

**Student’s Name** ___________________________ **Student’s Current Grade** ______

Please give a brief description of the capacity in which you work or have worked with this student and your relationship with him/her.

Please describe any of the applicant’s personal traits that might help him/her succeed in a program such as this.

What personal traits might hinder the applicant’s success in a program like U.S. Grant?

From your experience, what motivates this student to do well in school?
Additional comments:

Check the box in each of the following categories which best describes the applicant.

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If you have a compelling reason why this student should be accepted and know he/she would greatly benefit from participating in this program, please explain below.

Print Name: ______________________________________ School: ____________________________ Contact Phone No.: ___________________

Signature _______________________________________________________________________________ Date ____________________________

Thank you very much for completing this form. Please mail it to:
Ulysses S. Grant Foundation
Attn: Admissions Committee
P.O. Box 200082
New Haven, CT 06520