

Press Release

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Empowering Youth through PDDBM Afterschool Programs: Applications Open Now!

Vancouver, WA – June 28, 2024 – Please Don't Die Black Men (PDDBM) is excited to announce the launch of our comprehensive afterschool programs for middle and high school students in Clark County, WA. These programs provide invaluable hands-on experience in a variety of fields, including fashion design, short filmmaking, hospitality, event management, master of ceremonies, DJ, cosmetology, modeling, and journalism. All programs are held at the Bridgeview Resource Center, located at 505 Omaha Way, Vancouver, WA 98661.

Our afterschool programs are designed to equip students with real-world skills and opportunities, allowing them to build professional portfolios and resumes. Participants will have the chance to showcase their talents in up to ten annual events, such as the Black History Month Fashion Show and the Kwanzaa Celebration. These experiences prepare students for immediate entry into their chosen fields or to secure scholarships for further education.

PDDBM is committed to supporting low-income and vulnerable youth in our community. As such, all afterschool programs are **FREE** for students who meet the eligibility guidelines based on the 2024 HHS Poverty Guidelines for Clark County. Students above the household income eligibility guidelines are required to pay a one-time fee of \$350 per school year per program or \$35/month for 10 months, regardless of the time of enrollment.

In addition to our diverse program offerings, we are making a special call to aspiring models of all ages. We are in need of individuals aged 3 to 100 for our modeling program. Join us in showcasing the diverse beauty of our community!

To learn more about our programs, watch our afterschool program infomercial <https://youtu.be/ZTG4OrC4dHw?si=9G6kNcsGCmuvBHYv>. For those interested in modeling, please view our two modeling casting call commercials <https://youtu.be/Kv0OildPKIs?si=WuwBZY3wikQFjTah> and <https://youtu.be/j7Jpi9wos1g?si=fjMm0ucopq4USuh0>.

Applications are now open for all students living in Clark County. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable skills and experience in your chosen field. Apply now and become a part of the PDDBM community.

For more information and to apply, visit the Bridgeview Resource Center at 505 Omaha Way, Vancouver, WA 98661, or contact us at (360) 241-4479.

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