

 *Bee* "Excellent"

To: 2012 Prospective Spelling Bee Coaches  
From: Tacoma Chapter, Links Inc. – Services to Youth Facet  
Re: 2012 "Bee Excellent" Spelling Bee Invitation  
Date: October 12, 2011

The Links Incorporated, Tacoma Chapter is a world class African American service organization. We are thrilled to announce the **"Bee Excellent"** spelling bee for 2012. Carrying on our tradition to help our youth **"Bee Excellent"**, The Links, Incorporated Tacoma Chapter invites you to represent your organization in coaching a multicultural team for our 2012 competition.

As before, the coach will be responsible for recruiting a 5 member team (plus an alternate), organizing and registering the team, and coaching/preparing the team for the spelling bee. We are pleased to once again offer 2 preparatory workshops designed to provide the spelling bee participants with valuable language lessons and presentation skills and monetary awards. In order to qualify for the spelling bee, participants must:

- Be 12-18 years of age
- Be a student in the K-12 education system
- Reside in the South Puget Sound area
- Attend the training workshops
- Register by **November 5, 2011**

The spelling bee kick off is November 5, 2011 at Evergreen College Tacoma Campus from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The workshops will be held on January 7, 2012, and March 3, 2012 at the Evergreen Campus from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The spelling bee competition will be March 17, 2012, also at the Evergreen College Tacoma Campus.

If your organization is interested in participating in our 2012 spelling bee, please indicate your intent by emailing [spellingbee@tacomalinksinc.org](mailto:spellingbee@tacomalinksinc.org) or phoning (253)582-3981. The favor of your response is respectfully requested by **November 5, 2011**.

Registration packets including, but not limited to the rules, and parental consent forms will be provided at the kick off meeting. Again this year we will be considering GPA as well as participation in a community service project as a part of the scoring.

We will address any questions you as coaches and/or the parents of the participants may have regarding the spelling bee event. However, if there are any immediate questions, please contact [Christine Turner](#) at (253) 582-3981.

Thank you for avidly supporting The Links, Incorporated, Tacoma Chapter and our advocacy for the youth in our community.

Respectfully,

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