

**THIA:** **THE HOUSE OF**  
**INFINITE ABILITY**  
**PREPARATORY ACADEMY**

“The Urban Academy for Our Youth”

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**APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 30, 2016**  
**LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED WITH**  
**AUTHORIZATION**

mail to:

**The House of Infinite Ability,**  
**3651 S. La Brea Ave, Suite 809**  
**Los Angeles, Ca, 90016**  
**2016 - 2017 ADMISSIONS PACKET**

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## ***ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST***

The House of Infinite Ability (T.H.I.A.) looks for student athletes who have made a commitment to athletics, academic development, and personal growth. Complete the step by step admissions process below

**STEP 1: Applicants Will Be Considered When All Items Requested Below Have Been Received:**

- Completed Admissions Packet: (Return all pages and the Tuition/boarding Fee Agreement)
- Copy of Birth Certificate or passport and INSURANCE CARD
- Two Official High School Transcripts
- IEP or Special Needs Form (if applicable)
- Copy of SAT/ACT test scores (if applicable)
- Two Page Essay: "Why do you think you will benefit from the T.H.I.A. Program?"

**STEP 2: Return Admissions Packet and Supporting Documents from Step 1 (choose one option)**

- Email: [infiniteability@yahoo.com](mailto:infiniteability@yahoo.com)
- Mail: The House of Infinite Ability, 3651 S. La Brea Ave, Ste 809, Los Angeles, Ca, 90016  
ADMISSIONS PACKET DEADLINE IS JUNE 30th
- PACKETS RECEIVED AFTER JUNE 30th WILL BE REVIEWED ON SPACE  
AVAILABILITY

**STEP 3: Interview and Visit**

All prospective students must schedule a personal interview with our administration and teachers; this will be done on-campus (off-campus under special circumstances). During that time you will have the opportunity to acquaint yourself with our environment, meet our staff. This experience will allow you to get a feel for the lifestyle, as well as an understanding of the level of commitment we expect from our participants. If you are unable to do either in person, we will coordinate a phone interview upon completion and receipt of the application and all necessary paperwork.

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## **PROFILE**

- The House of Infinite Ability (T.H.I.A.) emulates the school environment and experience, yet provides structure and support, and most importantly a vocational program which most high schools DO NOT provide. As a result, our 11 month program is a real transition from the normal experience you receive from a traditional school. Our participants have more freedom than they may have had in their high school and with freedom comes responsibility. This will prepare them for the college experience, and/or the work world experience. We hold our participants accountable for their actions and decisions; consequently, they leave THIA with an educational, physical, mental, and social maturity that is priceless.

## **MISSION**

- THIA's mission is to provide an academic, vocational and specialty programs to young men and women ages 16-24 that will prepare them for college, the work force and adult life;
- To also provide post-graduate academic, vocational and specialty programs to young men and women who skills might not translate to college and/or to the real workforce adult life. This is our extension program. All of these youth must have received or pursuing their diploma to qualify;
- We provide programs to participants of all race, color and creeds. Our goals are to provide individualized/advanced core curriculum, vocational programs, and opportunities in the workforce. We seek to raise participants aptitude and attitude, while raising test scores, GPA, and trade skills so that each individual can have a diploma, meet NCAA Eligibility requirements, and/or create a professional career;

## **LOCATION**

- The House of Infinite Ability is located 3740 Don Felipe Drive, Los Angeles, California 90008.

## **CURRICULUM & NCAA ELIGIBILITY**

- The House of Infinite Ability offers a unique academic curriculum: 1) High school students will continue the traditional classroom instruction in partnership with a school or at our facility with an accredited NCAA approved on-line program. Students will also have the option to take online courses that will be used to cover their A-G requirements for Division 1, 2 & 3 Universities athletics;

## **STUDENTS IN THE POST GRADUATE PORTION OF OUR ACADEMY**

- Post-graduate students may also earn college credit at a partner Junior College. Post-graduate students have the luxury of a part-time academic schedule (11 units or less to) that includes creative performance programs to encourage career goals.
- It is very important to understand that if you already have your diploma: \* pursuing a post-graduate year at Infinite Ability or any other Academy extension program does not count against

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the NCAA Eligibility requirement (what this means is that your clock does not start as long as you are taking 11 units or less).

## **ADVANTAGE**

- Students benefit from having an opportunity *"to right their ship"*. Students will be able to study in ways they never believed. They will learn trades that will benefit them in gaining an income, students will be able to compete in competitive sports with the opportunity to play in college on scholarship. In our academy we will work hard to further develop youth academically, maturity wise, and physically before they move on to a college, or a career. Also if a young adult at the age past high school age, who has not achieved the goal of a diploma, and wants to fulfill their dreams of being Kobe Bryant, Denzel Washington or John Legend, or Dr. Dre, or that student did not achieve the goal of playing at a four year college of their choice or needs to develop further to pass the necessary steps of clearinghouse, THIA is the place to take advantage of either these situations.

## **THE HOUSE OF INFINITE ABILITY SPORTS AND PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY**

- The House of Infinite Ability's mission is to prepare and develop the youth in many ways through our academic and vocational programs. Our new program will rival the best this state and nation has ever known. Our participants will train daily, attend classes daily, and attend study hall, as well as achieving work study credit by doing community service. Our programs are designed to create quality students, athletes, adults, and working citizens. We want them to succeed and showcase their talents on a big stage. Our coaching staff is experienced and dedicated to the improvement, development and success of each individual in our program. Our main focus is to unite the mind body and soul of our participants and make sure each individual understands how to work in a team/family setting. Our program consists of educational, and vocational improving weaknesses, and enhancing strengths. In order to have participants performing at their peak level, discipline, good work ethic, conditioning, and strength training is paramount. Getting our participants successfully graduated with their diploma, finding them jobs, or recruited at all levels is high priority. If the participant wants to be in the college arena, either on full or partial academic, or athletic scholarships, create jobs, create successful workers is what we seek to achieve. We provide help for student-athletes to meet NCAA Clearinghouse requirements, preparing them for SAT/ACT testing and providing courses where students earn high school/college credits.

## **WHO IS THIS ACADEMY FOR?:**

- Those who are 16-24 years of age; teen mothers and fathers; behind on credits;
- Those who have not received their diplomas (you are eligible if you have a GED);
- Those who have not succeeded in a traditional high school setting;
- Those who want to learn a vocation that is not provided by a traditional school;
- Youth who want to pursue a post-graduate program before entering college and/or the workforce;

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## **ACADEMIC COMPONENT**

THIA's program prepares young men for whichever field the participant would like to go. In partnership with John Muir Charter, we are giving these youth options in life to be whoever they want to be and feel good about the decisions they have made. Rather it be college, the workforce, the military, each individual will have chosen something for the betterment of the nation. It is important for these participants to finish their education but if they do not, these individuals have skills to be productive to society.

## **VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Our vocational programs will consist of job skills, and life skills, geared around, athletics, labor, arts and crafts and performing arts. Every participant will be eligible to participate in sport activities as long as the participant is on track with a grade average of a C or better. Basketball will take place in the winter, baseball and track will take place in the spring. Our motto: 'Mind, Body & Soul, 110%. That means positive effort, positive attitudes towards coaches, respectful of peers, and respectful to teachers, coordinators, officials, and respectful in victory and defeat.

## **OUTREACH AND RECRUITMENT/RETENTION**

For over 10 years Infinite Ability has touched the lives of nearly 1,000 youth throughout the Greater Los Angeles area. Infinite Ability Basketball has inspired youth to grow as human beings and productive citizens along with becoming a better athlete by instilling qualities of self-discipline, character, teamwork and fair play. Our mission and motivation is to serve as many youth possible. From this point to the year 2020 we want to have established at least a 75% mark up in our admission per year and a 10% mark-up per semester. The only way we can achieve this is by rigorous outreach and recruitment. We will plan community events promoting our school and services through our various departments. For instance, a 1) basketball camp, 2) a performing arts show, 3) a youth concert, 4) a community picnic at a neighboring park. We will also connect with the local social service departments, work programs, city parks, etc. to post fliers, posters, and create our school as an option for youth in the system to receive their education in order to fulfill enforcement requirements.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- ***Will I receive core education equal to conventional high schools?*** Yes. You will receive education in Math, English, Social Studies, and Science. The only thing that is not offered is foreign languages, and science lab experiments. We will provide that in partnership with an online academic company to fulfill you're A-G requirements.
- ***Are the teachers credentialed?*** Yes, all teachers are multi-subject credentialed teachers.
- ***Will I play on a team?*** All student-athletes are assigned to a team for competition. Team assignments are based on factors such as age and performance. The number of teams and levels of play depend upon enrollment, but typically we would have 1 to 2 teams. Our games are extensions of training, where all players will have the opportunity to play. Both teams play a competitive schedule against colleges, universities and top prep schools, and participate in selective prep events and tournaments.
- ***What experience and ability level is required?*** We take athletes of all abilities and experience levels at Infinite Ability College Prep. The main things we look for in our participants are: 1) Be a great person; 2) Be a great player. 3) Be a competitor. We create a constructive and positive learning environment for each athlete and we strive to groom each player into the best that they can be.
- ***Will Infinite Ability College Prep give me the opportunity to play basketball in college?*** 1) While it is impossible to guarantee that every student will continue their playing career at the college level, we will make sure that your development as a basketball player gives you the opportunity to be seen by scouts and College Recruiters. 2) Each student's talent and hard work will be the determining factor for their basketball future. Academic performance will also have a significant impact on recruitment as well. We will provide an evaluation of the student's skill level and assess where we think the student may be able to play at the college level, during and upon completion of the program.
- ***What is the typical daily schedule?*** Daily schedules vary depending on what program the student is enrolled in. For example: High School students (grades 10 – 12) are full-time and are required to attend classes daily from 8:30am- 2:00pm. Post-Graduate students are part-time and are required to take 1-3 courses daily. Workout and training will vary from day to day.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Entrance Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Vocational Program of Interest (circle one): Athletics      Music/Dance/Theatre Arts      Arts & Crafts      Industrial/Labor

High School Grade Entering (circle one) : 10<sup>th</sup>    11<sup>th</sup>    12<sup>th</sup> or 18 years to 24

### **Applicant Information:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Home/Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Ethnic Background (check one):**

American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian      Asian American/Pacific Islander      White/Caucasian

Black/African American      Hispanic/Latino      Other

### **Education** – School Currently or Previously Attended:

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal/Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Independent      Private      Public      Home School      Online

Dates of Attendance: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Point Avg (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_ Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

International Students: Do you have a US Resident Alien Card? Yes/No If so what is the Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ Will you need a F1 Student Visa Do you have an I-20? Y/N

If you have an I-20, what school is it from and what is your SEVIS # \_\_\_\_\_

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## PARENT INFORMATION APPLICATION

INFINITE ABILITY Membership Year is unlimited. A membership card will be forwarded to you.

Father First Middle Last \_\_\_\_\_

Mother First Middle Last \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address City County State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Application Date Work Phone/Ext. Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address OR Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Club Code (if Known) Club Name (if Known) Code (see list below)

By signing this application, I certify that: 1) I have never been convicted of any sex offense nor felony; or, if so, I must apply for membership (and receive approval) through the INFINITE ABILITY Office; and, 2) this application is correct in every material aspect, including but not limited to my (street) address and birth date. The Applicant agrees to be bound by the INFINITE ABILITY Code, including all INFINITE ABILITY Policies, which are available for review on the IA YOUTH FOUNDATION Web site at [www.thehousefoundation.org](http://www.thehousefoundation.org)

NOTE: Parent/Guardian signature if member is under 18 years old.

Member's

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Date \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SELECT YOUR PRIMARY DEPARTMENT OF INTEREST (CHECK BOX)

INFINITE ABILITY SPORTS ACADEMY (I.A.S.A.);

WORLD CLASS ENTERTAINMENT (W.C.E.);

YOUTH ASSOCIATION 4 HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (Y.A.H.D.)