



YLA Student Pledge

*This form must be filled out and signed by the student applicant. Each student must submit this form. Please attach this form to the online YLA application.

Student Name (please print clearly): _____

If selected for the program, I pledge to abide by the following rules, expectations, and requirements regarding participation in the 2020-2021 Youth Leadership Academy (YLA). (Initial each box)

- I will attend and actively participate in all YLA activities, including being respectful of my liaison, YLA trainers, and fellow students.
- I will work collaboratively with my peers on all program activities throughout the 2022-23 school year, which will involve active communication, sharing in pairs and small groups, online planning meetings, service-based learning projects, and team-building activities and games.
- I will share what I learned with other GEAR UP students at my school and be an active mentor, supporter, and advocate for college access and success in coordination with my GEAR UP program.
- I will not engage in any behavior that will reflect poorly on my school and program.
- I will be engaged and involved in the leadership training that is the central element of the YLA, including practicing and modeling good leadership, life, and learning skills.
- I will join the other YLA students and liaisons in helping nominate four (4) outstanding students from my academy cohort to attend the National GEAR UP Student Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C.
- I will try new things with an open mind—and have fun!

At the Kick-Off Event

- I will be mindful of others by displaying proper conduct traveling to and from the YLA Kick-Off Event, in the hotel, and at all times during the YLA.
- I will not leave the hotel unless as part of the YLA program or if accompanied by my chaperone or other designated staff member of my GEAR UP program.
- I will not wander around the hotel without being accompanied by my GEAR UP chaperones or YLA staff other than by permission for a very specific, short purpose such as going to the rest room.
- I will be proactive in communicating if/as needed with my GEAR UP director, chaperone, and YLA trainers. I will refrain from using or playing with my cell phone during conference sessions and YLA workshops.
- I will adhere to the dress code (*no shorts or flip flops*).

Date:

Student Name (please print clearly):

Student Signature:
