



Student Leadership Academy Application 2022-23

What is the Youth Leadership Academy?

The Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) is a unique opportunity for GEAR UP students to learn and explore leadership concepts and how to apply them at school in a tangible way through service-learning projects and internships. Think of it as a yearlong leadership experience. All current sophomore or junior students are encouraged to apply. Two students will be selected from each GEAR UP school to represent in the YLA.

In the YLA students will:

- (1) Form relationships with other GEAR UP students from across the state
- (2) Attend a leadership training kick-off event (requires the student be excused from school for a time in the second or third week in September).
- (3) participate in leadership webinars throughout the year
- (4) implement a service-learning project or participate in an internship at school!

Interested participants make a 1-year extra-curricular commitment to the YLA learning community. Projects will take place throughout students' junior and senior year. Interested students should complete and return an application, writing sample and letter of recommendation to your GEAR UP school liaison.

The YLA kicks off with a fall student leadership training event in the Fall. The training is designed to equip participating students with leadership skills to advance the college going culture at their schools.

Students interested in joining the Youth Leadership Academy should consider the following timeline and fill out the application. There is a limit of two students from each school.

Applications and all other material must be turned in by May 1st to your school liaison.





Youth Leadership Academy Student Application

BASIC INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ Gender: Female/Male

Mailing Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Student Cell (text only): _____ Student Email: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

WRITING SAMPLE

Please answer the questions provided below or on another sheet (not to exceed 1 page).

Why you want to participate in the Youth Leadership Academy?

How is being a leader in your school and/or community important?

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



RECOMMENDATION LETTER

Your recommendation may be completed by anyone in your community, school or who will speak to your leadership skills and positive attributes. Recommendations may not come from parent/guardian or extended family.

Name: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

The following questions are to be completed by your reference.
Describe your relationship with the student:

Please explain why you think this student would benefit from participating in the YLA.

Recommender Signature: _____ Date: _____