

## 2020 Youth Leadership Academy Fact Sheet



The Leadership Lake County Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) is a monthly program for **students who will be in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade in August 2019**. The program day topics include goal setting, public speaking, effective communication, time management, positive motivation and community service skills. It is a unique opportunity designed to guide students to reach his or her full leadership potential. ***The class of 2020 will be the first to participate in eight monthly vice five bi-monthly program days. There will be no program day in December.***

***The Youth Leadership Academy focuses on skill development as it relates to:***

**Leadership  
Working with Others**

**Critical Thinking & Problem Solving  
Communication Skills**

**Goal Setting  
Service in the Community**

**Public Speaking**

### ***Expectations of students:***

- ✓ Fully participate in all program days located in community-based sites for experiential learning.
- ✓ Set a personal goal for the year and work with a peer for support and encouragement
- ✓ Complete a career research poster to share with the class
- ✓ Actively contribute to the class service project, *S.S. Kids*, and achieve fundraising goals.

### ***YLA sessions:***

- ✓ Meet at various locations in Lake County the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in August and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday September through April. There is **no program day in December**. School absences are considered field experience and are excused absences.
- ✓ All sessions begin at **7:30 am and conclude at 2:30 pm unless otherwise noted**. Light snacks and lunch will be provided each day.
  - Students may be dropped off at the site locations as early as 7:15 am on program days.
- ✓ Each session includes leadership skill activities, guest speakers, service project meeting, goal setting, student career presentations, and small group leadership discussions.



### **Dates to remember**

Application Due	Monday	March 11, 2019
Orientation and Tuition Due	Tuesday	April 23, 2019 <b>(6:00 pm – 7:30 pm)</b>
Everyday Leadership	Tuesday	August 6, 2019
Understanding Leadership	Tuesday	September 10, 2019
Leaders and Followers	Tuesday	October 8, 2019
Communicating as Leaders	Tuesday	November 12, 2019
Turning Conflict into Cooperation	Tuesday	January 14, 2020
Collaboration is Leadership	Tuesday	February 11, 2020
Motivating the team	Tuesday	March 10, 2020
Closing Retreat and Graduation	Tuesday	April 14, 2020

### ***How to participate:***

1. Submit a **completed online application** to the Leadership Lake County Office no later than **March 11, 2019**. Applications can be found at our website [leadershiplakecounty.org](http://leadershiplakecounty.org).
2. Attend the **Parent/Student Orientation on Tuesday April 23, 2019 (location TBD)**.
3. **Submit participation forms and non-refundable tuition of \$350 at Orientation on April 23, 2019**. Thanks to our community partners, we are able to subsidize a significant portion of the actual program cost per student of \$750. A limited number of partial scholarships will be available to help defray the \$350 tuition based on financial need.



**Eligibility:**

Forty-five (45) students will be selected for the YLA Class of 2020. The eligibility requirements are:

- 1. Applicant must be in the 6<sup>th</sup>– 8<sup>th</sup> grade in August 2019 and attending school or residing in Lake County.** Applications are submitted in the spring of 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grade for the following academic year. **Students may participate in the program for two years.** Program curriculum is on a two-year rotation.
- 2. Application criteria and essays** – applications must be complete, essays must be thoughtful and thorough, and the letter of recommendation must be received on time.
- 3. School diversity** – we aim to balance the class according to school representation as much as possible.

**YLA Program Facilitators:**

Students are under the supervision of the professional education staff of Leadership Lake County, members of Crossroads staff and alumni of the Signature (adult) and Junior (high school) Leadership Programs.

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