YOUTH LEADERSHIP BROWARD CLASS XXXI

2017-2018 PROGRAM YEAR
INFORMATION PACKET

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About Youth Leadership Broward
Youth Leadership Broward (YLB), a program of Leadership Broward Foundation (LBF), is a nine-month program that provides an opportunity for students to gain real-life experiences through interactions with community leaders from businesses, government agencies, and civic organizations; develop essential leadership skills such as team building, conflict resolution, time management, public speaking and goal setting; and impact the community through an ongoing service project throughout the year. Each year, fifty-five current high school sophomores from across Broward County are selected to participate in this program during their junior year.

Eligibility
Applications are open to all current sophomores attending a Broward County public or private high school who meet the following criteria:

- Hold a grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- Demonstrate leadership in their schools and/or community
- Have an interest in enhancing their leadership skills and knowledge of Broward County
- Receive approval by a high school principal and/or guidance counselor

Time Commitment (See Calendar of Dates)
- Attend program orientation, opening retreat, leadership day, and graduation day and evening
- Attend at least four (4) of the six (6) monthly program days which take place on school days from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Participate in a mandatory ongoing community service project one weekday a month outside of YLB and school hours

Student Benefits
- Develop leadership and communication skills
- Get a backstage pass to Broward County
- Receive up to 25 community service hours
- Build resume and college application
- Interact with business and community leaders
- Meet diverse group of peers from different schools

Tuition
The cost of the program is $600 and covers all program costs including bus transportation and lunch on each of the days. Financial aid is available based on need. A $50 non-refundable deposit is due June 6, 2016 to secure the spot in the class. Final payment must be paid in full by July 7, 2017.

How to Apply
The YLB program application and additional information can be found at http://www.leadershipbroward.org/ylb-online-application. Contact Rebecca D’Amico, Director, Leadership Programs, at (954) 767-8866 or apply@leadershipbroward.org with any questions.
Calendar of Dates

**Orientation***
Wednesday, May 17, 2017
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**Opening Retreat***
Friday, August 11, 2017  
Saturday, August 12, 2017  
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Program Days**
All program days are scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Meeting locations will be different each day within Broward County.

*Dates and times are subject to change.*

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - Criminal Justice Day
Wednesday, October 4, 2017 – Community Services Day
Wednesday, November 8, 2017 – Government & Communications Day
Thursday, December 13, 2017 – Culture, Arts and Education Day
Saturday, January 6, 2018 – Leadership Day
Wednesday, February 7, 2018 – Business and Tourism Day
Friday, March 9, 2018– History and Environment Day

**Graduation***
Friday, April 6, 2018
Afternoon - Community Project Presentations
Evening - Commencement Ceremony

*MANDATORY - NO EXCEPTIONS*

**Community Projects**
All students are required to participate in a monthly community service project with a small group of YLB classmates outside of YLB days and after school hours. Students will be assigned to a service site close to their school or homes and are responsible for their own transportation on these days. Students can earn up to 25 hours of community service throughout the year.
Application Instructions and Timeline

Application Process
Visit the LBF website at http://www.leadershipbroward.org/ylb-online-application to access all application materials and complete the following steps:

Step 1: Complete the online application.
Step 2: Download and submit the reference form and school consent form.
Step 3: Complete financial aid application (if applicable).

All of the following application materials must be completed and submitted to the LBF office by or before Friday, March 31, 2017:

- Online Application
- Reference Form
- School Consent Form
- Financial Aid Application (if applicable)

Materials can be e-mailed, mailed or faxed to the contact below:
Leadership Broward Foundation, Inc.
Attention: Rebecca D’Amico
1640 West Oakland Park Blvd., Suite 400
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
Fax: 954-485-6683
Email: apply@leadershipbroward.org.

Application Timeline
January - March 2016:
There will be information sessions for YLB Class XXXI at individual schools as requested. Please contact Rebecca D’Amico at 954-767-8866 or apply@leadershipbroward.org for more information.

March 31, 2017: All application materials are due to LBF.

April 2017:
Applications will be reviewed by the YLB Class XXXI Selection Committee. LBF is committed to cultural and economic diversity and considers all students who have demonstrated leadership skills and talents.

May 5, 2017:
Letters will be mailed to all applicants notifying them of their acceptance status.

May 19, 2017:
Accepted students must attend a mandatory program orientation.
Youth Leadership Broward Makes a Difference
By Maria Moncaliano, YLB XXVI

I entered Youth Leadership Broward (YLB) as the only student from my school. I did not know any other person in the program.

YLB is more than just a high school program. It is life changing. I am not the same person I was in the beginning of my junior year. All of those once-in-a-lifetime experiences changed me for the better and have prepared me for what is to come. In doing so, the program exposed me to a group of intelligent, hardworking students and adults who were willing to share their experiences. We all learned from each other and have built lasting friendships.

Personally, my most meaningful YLB experience was being in a community project group. Serving as a role model and teaching leadership skills to elementary school students at the YMCA was rewarding. It was a testament to the impact a person could have on someone’s life just by listening and showing interest in their well-being.

Every program day was special and every day I changed. I grew into a different person, a person that could take the dedication and passion that has always been a part of me and combine it with a newfound awareness of everything that I could commit that dedication to.

Suddenly, I felt like I could create a fundraiser, start a non-profit, make a speech, and work with people that, initially, I was not aware I could approach. I became cognizant of all of the places in Broward County that had a need and my mind was suddenly geared to fabricate a solution.

YLB gave me the tools I needed to become the leader I aspired to be. I am eternally grateful to the program and am excited to continue to contribute to its success as well as the overall success of the Leadership Broward Foundation.

Class XXVI...Makes a Difference!