

Youth Leadership Oklahoma

Application

Class X

Mission

*To develop young leaders who feel hope, pride and a responsibility
for Oklahoma's future*

Program Description

Each year approximately 50 high school juniors from across Oklahoma are selected for Youth Leadership Oklahoma. The class will spend June 13-18, 2010 traveling to selected locations in Oklahoma to learn about and experience our state's treasures, meet adult community and state leaders and develop personal leadership skills. Each student selected will receive a scholarship for program expenses related to transportation, lodging and meals.

Requirements

Applicants must be high school juniors or home-schooled equivalent.

Applicants must live in Oklahoma.

Applicants must have at least a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale

Class members must attend the program week in its entirety.

Class members must agree to abide by all Leadership Oklahoma policies and procedures.

Application process

1. Applications must be **received in the Leadership Oklahoma office no later than 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 1, 2009**. It is recommended that all applications be submitted by mail or email since we cannot guarantee that someone will be available to accept personal deliveries.
2. If mailing the application, please send **four** applications to Youth Leadership Oklahoma: one original and three copies.
3. Other than the one recommendation letter required and the reference form, no attachments are permitted. The recommendation letter and the reference form are to be submitted in separate sealed envelopes and included with the application packet or sent directly to the Leadership Oklahoma offices. No copies are required for these documents.
4. Applications **must be typed** and complete to be considered. Applicants may download the application from the LOK website at www.leadershipoklahoma.com.
5. Please do not fold applications. They may be mailed in a 9x12 envelope.
6. Schools may make as many single-sided copies of the application as needed.
7. The Youth Leadership Oklahoma Selection Committee will select approximately 50 participants based upon demonstrated leadership as well as gender, ethnic and geographic diversity.
8. Letters notifying applicants of the selection committee results will be mailed in March of 2010.

Please carefully read the application process instructions on page one before completing the application.

Applicant Name _____
Last First Middle Initial Preferred Name

Mailing Address _____
Address City State Zip Code

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone () _____ Email _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Work Phone () _____

Parent/Guardian address _____
Address City State Zip Code

High School GPA _____ School Phone () _____

School contact person/counselor _____ School Email _____

Name of Hometown newspaper _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Optional Information: Leadership Oklahoma does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, sex, creed, national origin or disability. This information is not required. It is requested to facilitate our goal of assembling a diverse class.

Gender: Female Male

Race/Ethnicity: American Indian Asian African American
 Hispanic White Other: _____

I found out about Youth Leadership Oklahoma: YLOK/LOK graduate school counselor newspaper other, please specify _____

If YLOK/LOK graduate, please list name of person _____

Please let us know the leadership roles you have held while involved in organizations or activities both in your school and/or community. These should be in order of importance, listing up to five school, social, athletic, religious, community service, scouting or other activities and organizations in which you have participated during the last two years.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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How would your principal describe you?

How would your family describe you?

How would your friends describe you?

List any accomplishments, awards, honors or recognitions for academic, school, religious or community activities you have achieved or received in the last two years. (Grades 9-10 and current year)

List any community service or volunteer work experience and briefly tell what was involved.

List any work experience in which you were compensated for and briefly tell what was involved.

What are your plans after high school?

What do you consider to be one of your strengths?

What do you consider to be one of your weaknesses?

Who is someone you admire? Why?

What do you do for fun?

If you could change anything in our state, what would it be and why?

Why are you applying for Youth Leadership Oklahoma?

Pride, leadership, service: What do these mean to you and to the future of Oklahoma?

**Youth Leadership Oklahoma
Covenant and Indemnification**

This Covenant and Indemnification is executed by _____ (Participant) to Leadership Oklahoma, its directors, officers, agents, volunteers and employees, including the directors, officers, agents, volunteers and employees in the Youth Leadership Oklahoma program.

Recitals

- A. Participant has applied for admission to Class X of Youth Leadership Oklahoma and has been permitted voluntarily to participate in the activities associated therewith.
- B. Participant is participating in Youth Leadership Oklahoma activities solely on Participant’s own initiative, risk and responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, for the consideration set forth above, Participant agrees as follows:

- 1. Participant shall not ever institute suit, action at law or any claim against Leadership Oklahoma or Youth Leadership Oklahoma for or by any reason of any damage, loss or injury that may occur, result from or arise out of participation in the above described activities.
- 2. Participant hereby indemnifies and holds Leadership Oklahoma and Youth Leadership Oklahoma harmless from and against any claims, liabilities or causes of action for damages, compensation or otherwise and shall reimburse or make good any loss, damages or costs that may result from or arise out of Participant’s participation in the above described activities.

Consent for Reproduction of Photographs and Voice

In the course of the program, newsletters, public service announcements, newspaper and magazine articles, Web site features and videos may be used. Participant gives to Leadership Oklahoma, its nominees, agents and assigns unlimited permission to use, publish and republish for purposes of advertising and trade for such use as it may determine, information and reproduction of Participant’s likeness (photographic and otherwise) and voice related to participation in Youth Leadership Oklahoma.

Consent for Medical Treatment

In the event that medical treatment is necessary, Participant gives to Leadership Oklahoma, its nominees, agents and assigns permission to obtain treatment at a medical facility.

Signature of Participant

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian of Participant

Witness

Youth Leadership Oklahoma

Code of Responsibility

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of Youth Leadership Oklahoma is to prepare Oklahoma youth to make a positive difference. Participants are selected because of their proven leadership qualities. The actions of program participants reflect on Leadership Oklahoma and affect the results the program is intended to achieve.

Participation in Youth Leadership Oklahoma carries the responsibility of leadership. Participants are expected to observe the highest standards of behavior and to set an example for others to follow.

This Code of Responsibility is intended to describe minimum acceptable standards and the consequences of failure to meet these standards. Those who fail to observe these standards will be held accountable for their actions.

Applicability

This Code is applicable to all participants in Youth Leadership Oklahoma including class members, adult volunteers and staff. This Code is applicable at all times.

Leadership Oklahoma seeks to encourage personal growth and development of the skills and behavior required of good leaders. By participating in Youth Leadership Oklahoma activities, all participants acknowledge that their actions are subject to this Code. By permitting a class member to participate, the class member's parent(s) gives their consent to the applicability of this Code.

Policy on Attendance

Youth Leadership Oklahoma is an integrated series of experiences designed to be completed as a whole by a consistent group of class members. Attendance and participation at all scheduled events is necessary to obtain the full benefits of the program. **Class members must attend the program week in its entirety.**

Discipline

Appropriate behavior is expected of all participants within the parameters of law and local school policies. A participant may be suspended from participation if such action is determined by the Leadership Oklahoma staff to be necessary to protect the safety and security of persons or property or to avoid disruption of a class event. The disciplinary action selected will depend on the nature of the offense and the facts and circumstances in which the violation occurred.

Policy of Smoking and Tobacco Use

Youth Leadership Oklahoma is smoke and tobacco free. Participants are expected to refrain from smoking or other use of tobacco during Youth Leadership Oklahoma activities and events.

Policy on Sexual Harassment and Improper Sexual Activity

It is the policy of Youth Leadership Oklahoma to provide a program free from sexual harassment and improper sexual activity between participants. Unwelcome or inappropriate sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other inappropriate physical or verbal actions are prohibited.

Investigation

The Youth Leadership Oklahoma staff or adult leaders may conduct a reasonable search of the premises on which activities are conducted, buses or other forms of transportation used in activities and the personal property of participants for contraband if they have reasonable grounds to believe any class participant is in possession of such items. Participation in Youth Leadership Oklahoma is considered consent to any such search.

Documentation

If you are accepted into YLOK, you will be required to show proof of documented residency. This includes a copy of your drivers license, social security card or other form of approved documentation.

The Code of Responsibility page may be kept by the applicant for reference upon selection for participation.

**Youth Leadership Oklahoma
Code of Responsibility
Agreement Form**

I, _____, (Participant) certify that I have read and understand the Policies of Youth Leadership Oklahoma in the Code of Responsibility and that I will abide by these Policies.

Signature of Participant

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Date

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Youth Leadership Oklahoma Commitment Form

This form must be signed by all three parties as indicated and returned with the application by the 5:00 p.m. December 1, 2009, deadline.

Applicant Name (please print)

I understand that a student who is admitted to the Youth Leadership Oklahoma program is given a space in the program that is then not available to other applicants. Consequently, students who apply for the program **MUST** intend to accept admission and participate fully in the Youth Leadership Oklahoma program.

I have reviewed the completed application packet and support this nomination. I also verify that the applicant's grade point average is _____ (a 3.25 minimum is required for participation in Youth Leadership Oklahoma) and the applicant is ranked _____ out of _____ (#) students in his/her junior class.

Applicant

Date

Applicant's Parent/Guardian

Date

Applicant's School Principal

Date

Recommendation Letter

Please include a letter of recommendation from an adult who knows you well but is not a parent or relative. For example: ask a teacher, youth group leader, club advisor, coach, employer or neighbor. This letter should be submitted in a **separate sealed envelope with the YLOK application**, by the December 1, 2009, deadline.

This letter should tell how long and in what capacity the reference has known you, what contributions you would bring to the Youth Leadership Oklahoma experience, how you might benefit from the experience and anything else that would give the committee a more complete picture of you.

Reference:

Name

Daytime Phone

Position or Job

Business or Organization

Reference Form

In addition to the above letter of recommendation please have your principal or counselor complete the attached reference form. This form should be submitted in a **separate sealed envelope with the YLOK application**.