



YOUTH LEADERSHIP ERIE COUNTY 2008-2009 PROGRAM INFORMATION

THE PROGRAM

YOUTH LEADERSHIP Erie County, offered to high school sophomores and juniors throughout Erie County, helps to develop basic skills in leadership, problem-solving, and communication while gaining awareness of community issues, diversity, and personal potential.

The program seeks a diverse group of students who have leadership potential, but have not had experience in positions of leadership at their schools or in community volunteer work. Selection is made by a committee of community representatives and program alumni. All applicants will receive notification of their status in June. Because the Youth Leadership class must reflect the depth and diversity of students in Erie County, we regret that all qualified candidates are not always accepted into the program.

Attendance is required at Parent Orientation, Opening Retreat and at the eight program sessions. One excused absence and one early dismissal is allowed. Transportation to and from each session is the student's responsibility. Transportation within each session is provided.

There is no cost for students involved in the program. YOUTH LEADERSHIP Erie County is a program of Leadership Buffalo.

2008-2009 PROGRAM CALENDAR

Opening Retreat - YOUTH LEADERSHIP Erie County begins with an overnight Opening Retreat conducted by professional facilitators that introduces the concepts upon which leadership skills are built. The Retreat is also designed to create a team atmosphere among the participants. Transportation to and from the Retreat provided from the United Way

Day sessions will cover various community issues such as arts and culture, poverty, economic development and provide opportunities for students to develop their personal leadership style. Each session will include community leaders related to an issue facing our community and activities to allow students to have meaningful discussion about how to address these issues.

OPENING RETREAT (Mandatory attendance) **Friday, September 12th and Saturday, 13th 2008- Cradle Beach Camp, Angola**
Begin: 8am Friday Ends: 5pm Saturday

DAY SESSIONS	October 2nd, 2008	(12 noon until 5pm)
	November 6th, 2008	(12 noon until 5pm)
	December 11th, 2008	(12 noon until 5pm)
	January 8th, 2009	(8:30am noon until 5pm)
	January 19th, 2009	MLK Community Service Day 9am to 12noon
	February 5th, 2009	(12 noon until 5pm)
	March 5th, 2009	(12 noon until 5pm)
	April 2nd, 2009	(12 noon until 5pm)
	May 21st, 2009	(Closing Session 8am to 5pm)

GRADUATION Tuesday, June 2nd 2009

PARENT ORIENTATION

A program orientation for parents and selected students will be held on August 26th at 6:00pm

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The 2008-2009 Class has the option to serve as volunteers during the year to learn more about an area of human service. This allows the student to observe a successful agency who has made a commitment to the community.

TO APPLY

Applications may be obtained through your school Principal, Guidance Counselor, and/or Student Council Advisor. Or contact YOUTH LEADERSHIP Erie County at Leadership Buffalo 849-2626, ext. 16. Applications may be photocopied however all signatures must be original.

Send the completed original application to:
YOUTH LEADERSHIP ERIE COUNTY
237 MAIN STREET, SUITE 1500
BUFFALO, NY 14203-2720

Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted
APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY WEDNESDAY May 7th, 2008



PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY.

A. Use a few phrases or adjectives to describe yourself and include what's important to you.

B. Describe an occasion where you interacted with people different than yourself (i.e. different culture or age). What did you learn about yourself from that experience?

C. Name three characteristics you value in other people and explain why each is important to you.

D. What do you think is one extremely important issue for people who live in Western New York? How can we begin to solve it?

E. Leadership Buffalo works to build the leadership of our community. Please identify someone who you believe has shown true leadership in Western NY and explain what actions or characteristics make them a leader?

F. We are looking for established leaders, people who are becoming leaders, and people who show interest in leadership but need to have the opportunity to build their skills first. Which group describes you and why?

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This section should be completed by an adult other than a relative, such as a teacher, employer, or minister who knows the student well.

_____ is applying for the 2008-2009 YOUTH LEADERSHIP Erie County program.
Student's name

Name of Reference _____ Title/Position _____

Relationship to applicant _____ How long have you known the applicant? _____

Daytime Telephone _____

Please state why you feel this applicant should be selected for this program:

Signature of Reference *Date*

This page should accompany the student's application for consideration. If this page becomes separated, please send the information to:

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