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YOUTH LEADERSHIP GREATER WASHINGTON APPLICATION



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Youth Leadership Greater Washington

Founded in 1991, Youth Leadership Greater Washington provides a six-month, interactive youth leadership development and community education program for high school sophomores and juniors in Greater Washington (District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia). Each year we select proven or aspiring youth leaders from diverse backgrounds. We provide them with the opportunity to learn from some of the area's most important decision makers and study various topics, such as diversity, the arts, health and public safety and service.

Eligibility

- High school sophomores and juniors in Greater Washington (District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia).
- Proven or aspiring youth leaders in school/or community.
- Interested in learning about and addressing needs of the Greater Washington community.
- Interested in improving one's leadership skills.

To Apply

- Download an application at www.lgwdc.org or request an application from Leadership Greater Washington (202-659-5135).
- Complete and return the application to Leadership Greater Washington with the appropriate signatures, two letters of recommendation and personal statements.

Notification & Tuition Information

- All applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision via mail during the third week of December.
- Although the cost for each student is \$1,500, we only require a \$200 fee for youth who are accepted into the program.
- Need-based tuition assistance is available. No student will be turned away because of financial reasons.
- Fees cover materials provided for the program days and transportation costs.
- Breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages provided by Geppetto Catering.

**Youth Leadership Greater Washington
Class of 2010
Program Dates**

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| • January 22, 2010 (8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.) | Opening Session & The Arts |
| • February 19, 2010 (8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) | Leadership |
| • March 19, 2010 (8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) | Diversity |
| • April 16, 2010 (8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) | Public Service |
| • May 21, 2010 (8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) | Health |
| • June 18, 2010 (8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.) | Inner Quest & Graduation |

MAIL TO:

Leadership Greater Washington
Selection Committee
1725 I Street, NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20006

HAND DELIVER:

Leadership Greater Washington
Selection Committee
1727 I Street, NW
Lobby
Washington, DC 20006

**COMPLETED APPLICATION CHECKLIST:
(ALL ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE)**

- Signed and dated application.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (one from a guidance counselor and another from an adult non-family member).
- Authorizing signature from school principal and a parent/guardian.
- Personal statements.

Application

1. Please type or print all responses.
2. Please complete all sections of the application in the spaces provided on this form (attach additional pages as needed).

Personal Information

Name (Last)	(First)	(Middle)
Name You Prefer to be Called		
Home Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone	E-Mail	
Gender	M F	Current Grade Level
School	Cumulative Grade Point Average	

Parent/Guardian Information

Name	E-mail
Home Phone	Daytime Phone
Name	E-mail
Home Phone	Daytime Phone

Demographic Information

Your geographic representation, ethnicity/race, age, gender and other aspects of diversity are criteria that guide the selection process. Age _____

Please mark the racial/ethnic category(ies) which identifies you:

- African American/Black Asian/Pacific Islander Caucasian Hispanic/Latino Native American
 Other _____

Special Awards/Honors

Awards/Honor	Presented by	Date (Year)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Extra Curricular Activities

Activity _____ Dates of Activity _____

Activity _____ Dates of Activity _____

Activity _____ Dates of Activity _____

Personal Statements

Use a separate sheet for each response; limit each response to 150 words.

- A. How do you define leadership? (150 words)
- B. How have you demonstrated leadership in your academic, extracurricular, and/or social activities? (150 words)
- C. Name one issue facing the Greater Washington region, and describe what kind of leadership you believe is needed to address this challenge. (150 words)

Letters of Recommendation/Reference

Two letters of recommendation (one from a guidance counselor and another from an adult non-family member).

First Reference

Name _____
Position/Title _____
Relationship to Student _____
School/Business/Organization _____
Address _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Second Reference

Name _____
Position/Title _____
Relationship to Student _____
School/Business/Organization _____
Address _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Attendance

If selected, I will make a reasonable effort to attend all Youth Leadership Greater Washington sessions. Full participation by each participant is essential for this program to meet its objectives.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Authorizing Official

This section must be completed and signed by your principal and parent/guardian.

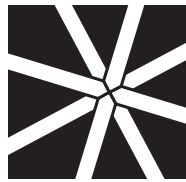
This candidate has my full support to participate in Youth Leadership Greater Washington. I am aware of the time commitment, and understand that the participant must make a reasonable effort to to attend all Youth Leadership Greater Washington sessions.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Principal: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions or need more information, contact Presley Jones (202-777-4493 or pjones@lgwdc.org).



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What participants are saying about Youth Leadership Greater Washington:

“An enlightening experience you just don't find anywhere else.”

Kyle Gaarder, Class of '09

“Youth Leadership Greater Washington taught me how to communicate and present myself in front of strangers, and become a respectable leader.”

Gavin Richardson, Class of '09

“Joining Youth Leadership Greater Washington was an amazing opportunity for me. I got the chance to meet other leaders around the area and was able to participate in great events that will someday benefit me.”

Yuri Lopez, Class of '09

“Youth Leadership was a great experience and I made a lot of new friends from all different parts of the metro area. I learned what it takes to be a leader. It was awesome.”

Maxime Devilliers, Class of '09

What others are saying about the power of Youth Leadership Greater Washington:

“Through the contacts and interactions with the other participants, Joe experienced diversity at a level that was not possible at his current high school. These interactions, along with the activities and lessons taught in the program, created growth and maturation that is vivid and astounding.”

Barbara Green, parent of Joseph Green, Class of '09

“To watch Dana stand before an audience at the closing ceremony and so eloquently present her remarks was amazing! Normally a somewhat shy and reserved person, I could truly see what a difference her participation in the program has made in her development as a leader.”

Viola Gonzalez, parent of Dana Gonzalez, Class of '09

“The entire experience was very gratifying for the participant and parents. Our family humbly thanks all involved in creating this experience for our son, and he feels the same way regarding his overall experience.”

Ronnie and Robert Jersky, parents of Zack Jersky, Class of '09

“Youth Leadership Greater Washington is a positive life changing experience for high school students. Students from throughout the region and all walks of life come together to listen, learn, participate and develop new skills. In the end, they realize they are leaders and have responsibilities to the larger community. It is a very meaningful experience for the students and most insightful for the adults that participate as well. It's a wonderful glimpse of what the future holds for us all.”

Barbara Donnellan (Adult Class of '99), Honorary Chair, Youth Leadership Greater Washington

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