Youth Leadership Lincoln Program Description

**Program Year – Sophomore Year (2020-2021)**

Participants will attend NINE monthly seminars focused on developing leadership skills and learning about the community.

* Participants will **develop** leadership skills and explore what makes Lincoln a special community.

**Service and Mentoring – Junior Year (2021-2022)**

Participants are expected to attend a minimum of one youth committee meeting and one program seminar.

* Juniors will be welcome to select one seminar to help plan and attend (based on interest in the topic or schedule availability). At the final seminar of the sophomore year, participants will select which seminar to help plan, attend and help facilitate during the junior year.

Application Process

**Application**

Please type or clearly print answers and provide enough information to allow us to get the best representation of you and your interest in community engagement. You may attach extra sheets.

**Reference Forms**

There are **two** Reference forms included in your application packet. Leadership Lincoln requests references to further understand an applicant’s strengths, potential, and character (beyond his/her application answers).

* One reference mustbe completed by an adult **family** **member** (parent, guardian, relative).
* One reference must be completed by an adult **community** **member** (neighbor, employer, leader at place of worship, family friend—not a relative).
* Applicants may obtain additional references if they choose, but they are not required.

**School/Principal Approval**

There is one **School/Principal Approval form** included in your application packet.

* Leadership Lincoln Youth seminars conflict with school so your participation in the program must be approved by your Principal.
* This form should be signed by the applicant’s current principal.

**Tuition and Scholarships**

* Applying to Leadership Lincoln is free and open to all Lancaster County students who will be in tenth grade during the 2020-2021 school year.
* Leadership Lincoln charges a **tuition fee of $350.00** to all individuals selected to participate in the program. This fee covers expenses such as meals and supplies used during seminars.   **Tuition assistance is available through a scholarship program.** If an applicant is interested in scholarship support, that request must be made when his/her application is submitted.

**Application Deadline**

Applicants are responsible for making sure all application materials are returned to the Leadership Lincoln office by**Sunday, May 31, 2020.**

**Forms must be post-marked by the deadline. Forms that are emailed must be received by 11:59pm on the deadline and forms that are hand-delivered must be received by 5:00pm.**Page Break

Application Process Continued

**Group Interviews**

Once all applications are reviewed, Leadership Lincoln’s selection committee will schedule group interviews. You will need to be able to attend one of the group interviews to be considered for the Youth program:

* **Dates TBD**

Program Expectations & Important Dates

**Orientation**

This meeting will provide participants an opportunity to meet one another before the retreat and parents/guardians an opportunity to meet Leadership Lincoln staff.

* **Tuesday, August 4th from 7:00pm-8:30pm**

**Opening Retreat**

* **Attendance is required at the Opening Retreat.  There are no exceptions.**
* **Sunday, August 16, 2020 and Monday, August 17, 2020**
* Applicants who are unable to attend the **entire** retreat, are not eligible for the program. Leadership Lincoln understands that this may mean that some youth have to forego a school activity or a sporting event. We are sorry for the inconvenience but know that the opening retreat defines the year for the class.

**Leadership Lincoln State of the City**

* This event will gather all the participants in 2020-2021 Leadership Lincoln programs to kick-off the year of community leadership development.
* **Thursday, September 22, 2020, 7:30-9:00am**

**Seminars**

**Participants are expected to attend a minimum of 80% of program seminars.**

* **Friday, September 18, 2020, 8:00am-3:00pm**
* **Friday, October 22, 2020, 8:00am-3:00pm**
* **Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 8:00am-3:00pm**
* **December 1, 2, or 3, 2020**
* **(You will sign up for one day and one time slot:**
* **9:00am-12:00pm, or 1:00-4:00pm)**
* **Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 8:00am-3:00pm**
* **Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 8:00am-3:00pm**
* **Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 8:00am-3:00pm**
* **Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 8:00am-8:00pm**

Participants who miss more than 1.5 seminars will not meet the 80% requirement.

Participants who do not meet these attendance expectations will be asked to leave the program.

**Unpacking**

**Unpacking meetings are for participants to further discuss and debrief their experiences. We expect students to participate in a minimum of two Unpackings.** These meetings offer class participants opportunities to connect outside of seminars to continue discussions or pursue further learning opportunities.

* **Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 7:00-8:30pm**
* **Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 7:00-8:30pm**
* **Wednesday, February 24, 2020, 7:00-8:30pm**
* **Monday, March 29, 2020, 7:00-8:30pm (Graduation Ceremony Planning)**

The information provided on this page will be kept confidential. Selection will be based upon answers to short-answer questions.

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| **Applicant Contact Information** | |
| Name: |  |
| Address  (street, city, state, zip): |  |
| Home Phone: |  |
| Mobile Phone: |  |
| Email: |  |
| School: |  |
| Grade in 2020-2021: |  |
| Gender: |  |
| Date of Birth: |  |
| Leadership Lincoln hopes to represent youth from a variety of backgrounds that will bring divergent perspectives to address Lincoln’s needs. The following optional information helps us identify applicants from a cross-section of the city. Please indicate if you would like to be identified with a specific racial or ethnic background? | |
| Race or Ethnic Background: |  |

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| **Scholarship** | |
| Submitting an application is free. However, those applicants who are accepted and choose to participate in the Leadership Lincoln’s Youth 24 class will be charged a $350.00 tuition fee. Tuition assistance is available through our scholarship program. If you will need scholarship assistance, please enter the amount below and explain your family’s circumstances. Requests for scholarship assistance must be made at the time of application. | |
| Amount of Scholarship Requested?: | $ |
| Reason for Request:  (Please use 2-3 sentences to describe why you are applying for scholarship i.e. Utilize Free/Reduced Lunch, etc.) |  |

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| Application Questions |
| 1. Describe one or more of your gifts, talents, skills, or strengths. In addition, describe one or more characteristics you value in other people and why those characteristics are important to you. |

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| 1. Describe why you are interested in civic engagement and would like to be a part of Leadership Lincoln. |
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| 1. Describe an action that you have taken that has made you proud of yourself or others proud of you. |
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| 1. Describe a time when your actions positively impacted a person, your family, school or community. |
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| 1. Describe one school or non-school activity in which you have been involved during the last two years. What has the experience meant to you? |

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| 1. If you have not had the opportunity to participate in a school or non-school activity, why not? |
| * Time * Transportation * Financial Reasons * I was not interested * Other (please describe): |

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| 1. Please explain any experience(s) you have had in your school, place of worship, workplace, clubs, neighborhood, etc., with those having differing values, ideas or customs. How were you affected by that experience? |

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| 1. If you could spend time with any current or past person who you consider a leader, who would you choose and why do you consider this person a leader? |
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| 1. Leadership Lincoln seeks youth who represent each of these categories. Which are you? In what ways do you think you could improve your abilities as a leader? |
| * Already an established leader * Becoming a leader (have had some experiences) * Could be a leader (shows interest but needs skill and opportunity) |

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| 1. What do you think is the best aspect of Lincoln/your hometown? |
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| 1. If you could change one aspect of your community, school, neighborhood, what would it be and why? How do you think this change could be accomplished? |
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| 1. What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing young people today? |
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| 1. What else would you like to tell us about yourself? |
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