Informational Sessions

Applicants and their parents are invited (but not required) to attend an Informational Session before submitting an application. Leadership Lincoln staff will discuss the program, review the application process, and answer questions. There are two opportunities to attend:

* **Wednesday, March 25, 2020 from 6:00-7:00pm**

Eiseley Branch Library Meeting Room (1530 Superior St.)

* **Wednesday, April 8, 2020 from 6:00-7:00pm**

Walt Branch Library Meeting Room (6701 S. 14th St.)

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**Friday, May 1, 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.**

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:

* **Monday, May 11, 2020**
* **Tuesday, May 12, 2020**
* **Monday, May 18, 2020**
* **Tuesday, May 19, 2020**

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)**