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Dear Leadership Lincoln Youth 27 applicant:

Thank you for expressing an interest in Leadership Lincoln's Youth cohort. The Youth cohort is a program of Leadership Lincoln, Inc. whose mission is to develop strong leaders for a stronger Lincoln.

By applying to Leadership Lincoln, you are showing an interest in developing yourself and making an investment in our community. During your sophomore year of high school, Leadership Lincoln will offer you an interactive, hands-on experience focusing on developing leadership skills and educating you about the different roles you can have in your community. The purpose is to empower and further inspire you to become involved in and committed to your community. We do this while having fun and building friendships that can last a lifetime! During your junior year of high school, you will be expected to give back to the Leadership Lincoln program by acting as role models/mentors to the sophomore participants.

It is important that you read the entire letter and all parts of the application before you begin!

Only complete applications (with all components submitted by the deadline) will be considered. Use the following checklist to help make sure that you submit all the application components.

- First check your schedule to ensure that you are available to attend the entire retreat Friday, August 18, 2023-Saturday, August 19, 2023.

- Submit ALL application components to the Leadership Lincoln office by the deadline: **Friday, May 19, 2023.**
 - Youth Confidential Application
 - School/Principal Approval
 - Parent/Legal Guardian Permission

The deadline for all parts of the application is: Friday, May 19, 2023.
ALL parts of the application must be either post-marked (mail) or received (email) by the deadline.

Submitting an application is free. However, those applicants who are accepted and choose to participate in Leadership Lincoln Youth 27 will be charged a \$350.00 tuition fee. **Scholarships are available to cover part or the complete tuition fee.** If you are interested in a tuition scholarship, you must indicate your interest on your application.

We welcome questions and/or calls from persons who anticipate needing accommodations or who have questions about access to the program.

We look forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions, please contact Leadership Lincoln at:

Leadership Lincoln
211 N 14th St
Lincoln, NE 68508
402.441.4661
info@leadershiplincoln.org

Sincerely,

Samantha Thomas
Youth Program Coordinator
sthomas@leadershiplincoln.org



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1. Informational Sessions

Applicants and their guardians are invited (but not required) to attend an Informational Session before applying. Leadership Lincoln staff will discuss the program, review the application process, and answer questions.

- Tuesday, April 11, 2023 from 6:00-7:00pm
 - The Foundry (211 N 14th St, Third Floor Conference Room)

2. Program Description—Leadership Lincoln Youth is a TWO-YEAR Commitment

- Sophomore Year (2023-2024): participants will attend NINE monthly seminars focused on developing leadership skills and learning about the community.
 - Participants will **develop** leadership skills.
- Junior Year (2024-2025): participants will attend TWO monthly seminars alongside the new class of sophomore participants.
 - Participants will **use** leadership skills.

3. Applicant Instructions

All individuals are welcome to apply. Please type answers (or clearly print answers) and provide enough information to allow us to get the best representation of you and your interest in civic engagement. You may attach extra sheets.

We believe in diversity and equity. When applying for and/or participating in our programs, if you have a disability or health condition that requires modified accommodations to participate, please notify us of your accommodation request and we will make every reasonable effort to meet that request. Please contact us at 402.441.4661 or info@leadershiplincoln.org.

4. School/Principal Approval

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

5. Tuition and Scholarships

- Applying to Leadership Lincoln is free and open to all Lancaster County students who will be in tenth grade during the 2023-2024 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 their application is submitted.

6. Application Deadline

Applicants are responsible for making sure ALL application materials are returned to the Leadership Lincoln office by **Friday, May 19, 2023**.

- Forms that are mailed must be post-marked by the deadline.
- Forms that are emailed must be received by 11:59pm on the deadline.
- Forms that are hand-delivered should be received in the office by 5:00pm on the deadline.



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Program Calendar and Commitment

7. 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.

- **Thursday, August 10, 2023, 6:00-8:00pm**

8. Opening Retreat

Attendance is required at the Opening Retreat. 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 must 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 participants.

- **Friday, August 18, 2023 and Saturday, August 19, 2023**

9. Leadership Lincoln State of the City Address

This event will gather all the participants in 2023-2024 Leadership Lincoln programs to kick-off the year of community leadership development. Date is subject to change.

- **Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 7:30-9:00am**

10. Seminars

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

- **Thursday, September 21, 2023, 8:00am-3:00pm**
- **Thursday, October 19, 2023, 8:00am-3:00pm**
- **Thursday, November 16, 2023, 8:00am-3:00pm**
- **Saturday, December 2-Wednesday, December 6, 2023**
 - Participants will select one date for three hours of volunteer service.
- **Thursday, January 25, 2024, 8:00am-3:00pm**
- **Thursday, February 22, 2024, 8:00am-3:00pm**
- **Thursday, March 28, 2024, 8:00am-3:00pm**
- **Thursday, April 25, 2024, 10:00am-7:00pm**

11. Unpacking Meetings

Participants are expected to attend a minimum of two Unpacking meetings. Unpacking meetings are held at the Leadership Lincoln office and offer participants opportunities to connect outside of seminars to continue discussions and pursue further learning opportunities.

- **Tuesday, August 29, 2023, 7:00-8:30pm**
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- **Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 7:00-8:30pm**
- **Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 7:00-8:30pm**
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12. Service and Mentoring in 2024-2025

Participants are expected to attend a minimum of two seminars. At the final seminar of the sophomore year, participants will select which two seminars to attend and help facilitate during the junior year (based on interest in the topic or schedule availability).

Each monthly seminar will be made up of the full class of sophomore participants and a small group of junior participants who will serve as role models. Juniors will work together in advance of the seminar to plan and then facilitate a team-building exercise for the sophomore participants.



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The information provided on this page will be kept confidential. Selection will be based upon answers to short-answer questions. Please contact us if you anticipate needing accommodations or have questions about access to the program at 402.441.4661 or info@leadershiplincoln.org.

Applicant Contact Information	
Name:	
Address (street, city, state, zip):	
Home Phone:	
Mobile Phone:	
Email:	
Grade in 2023-2024:	
School:	
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.	
Pronouns:	
Date of Birth:	
Race or Ethnic Background:	

Scholarship	
Submitting an application is free. However, those applicants who are accepted and choose to participate in the Leadership Lincoln's Youth 27 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 explain your financial need, e.g. does your family qualify for free or reduced school lunch?):	



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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.

2. Describe why you are interested in civic engagement and would like to be a part of Leadership Lincoln.

3. Describe an action that you have taken that has made you proud of yourself or others proud of you.

4. Describe a time when your actions positively impacted a person, your family, school or community.

5. 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?.

6. 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 below):



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7. 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?.

8. What do you think is the best aspect of Lincoln/your hometown?

9. 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?

10. What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing young people today?

11. Leadership Lincoln seeks youth who represent each of these categories. Which are you?

- Already an established leader
- Becoming a leader (have had some experiences)
- Could be a leader (shows interest but needs skill and opportunity)

12. In what ways do you think you could improve your abilities as a leader?

13. What else would you like to tell us about yourself?.



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School/Principal Approval
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Name of Applicant:

Applicant Instructions

Give this form to your current Principal. Please provide your Principal with a stamped addressed envelope.

Principal Instructions

The student listed above is an applicant for Leadership Lincoln. The program works to enhance the knowledge and leadership skills of high school students by motivating and empowering them to be committed to their community. The program seeks youth who are beginning to show leadership potential and an interest in the community. **All applicants must have approval of their current school principal to attend nine seminars during school hours in 2023-2024 and two seminars during school hours in 2024-2025.** Principals may designate another school staff member (e.g. Assistant Principal or Counselor) to complete this approval form.

The Selection Committee is aware of the time necessary to prepare such an assessment and gratefully acknowledges your help. Application materials will be reviewed in confidence. Applicants will not be considered unless all application forms are postmarked (mail)/received (email) by the deadline. Contact Youth Leadership Lincoln with any questions about this reference or the program. This form can be made available in alternate formats on request.

Name:

School:

- The applicant meets the criteria of being academically sound.
 - Yes
 - No
- Please let us know if you feel the applicant:
 - is an excellent candidate for the Leadership Lincoln Youth cohort
 - is a good candidate for the Leadership Lincoln Youth cohort
 - might not be appropriate for the Leadership Lincoln Youth cohort
- Do you feel the applicant has an interest in leadership or giving back to the community?
 - Yes
 - No

- Please rate your perception of the applicant's skills in the following areas:

	Top 10% of students his/her age	Average	Needs Improvement
Responsibility	_____	_____	_____
Initiative	_____	_____	_____
Maturity	_____	_____	_____
Ability to work with others	_____	_____	_____
Concern for others	_____	_____	_____

- Please use the back of this sheet to tell us anything else you would like for us to know about the applicant.



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Parent/Legal Guardian Permission
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Name of Applicant:

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Give this form to a parent/legal guardian to approve your participation in Leadership Lincoln.

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Leadership Lincoln, its agents and its employees have my full permission and consent to transport and otherwise provide transportation for my child by public service bus, private automobile, vans, or other appropriate means of transportation in connection with all sessions of Leadership Lincoln.

I hereby release and hold harmless Leadership Lincoln, its members, agents, employees, or any individuals involved in the planning, organization, or presentation of Leadership Lincoln programming, for any accident, injury, illness or any damage whatsoever related to the above-mentioned student's attendance at or participation in any activity or session of Leadership Lincoln.

I grant permission for my child to participate in fundraising activities for Leadership Lincoln, Inc. (501(c)(3) nonprofit) and its programs, and I understand that such participation will only occur on a voluntary basis.

I grant to Leadership Lincoln, Inc. the right to photograph my child and the right to use those photographs, including reproductions or likenesses, with or without name, in any legal manner, for advertising, public relations, or otherwise, and in any media, whether copyrighted. I waive all right of inspection and approval and I release Leadership Lincoln, Inc. from all liability arising out of the exercise of these rights.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

I am the parent/legal guardian of the above-named student. I have read the above information about the Leadership Lincoln Youth cohort and am willing to have my child participate should he/she/they be accepted.

Name:

Address
(street, city, state, zip):

Phone:

Email:

Signature:

Date: