

Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy

MISSION

Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy’s mission is to deliver a youth leadership program, empowering youth to learn, grow and lead through a learning experience designed to impart knowledge, create community awareness, promote team building and develop leadership skills.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy is a five-day leadership development program designed to introduce participants to leadership concepts and provide interaction with local business, government and community leaders.

Participants will learn and grow by developing leadership skills and gaining knowledge through various methods. While some time is spent in a classroom setting, most of the week is spent observing leadership in action at various County locations with local business, government and community leaders. The week culminates in a graduation ceremony.

Applications with payment due by April 1, 2020

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The program is open to Westmoreland County rising sophomores, juniors and seniors. With a cohort limited to 15 participants, team building and a genuine experience in a small group setting is achieved.

PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT

This is a five-day program, scheduled for June 22-26,2020. Sessions are held each day from 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Attendance every day, for the entire day, is expected and required to receive a graduation certificate. Excused absences will be considered on a case by case basis.



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TUITION

This program is financially supported by the Commonwealth of PA and the Workforce Investment Board. It is being facilitated by the Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation (501C3.) The participant investment in Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy is \$175 which is due with completed application. This investment helps defray operational costs, session materials and meals (light breakfasts and box lunches.)

“Leadership Westmoreland helped me expand my networking abilities by connecting both with leaders in our community and people my age. The people I met during camp are people I still talk to now.”

J.V. - Greensburg Salem High School Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy ‘19



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REQUIREMENTS

Application to Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy is open to rising sophomores, juniors and seniors with a 2.5 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale who are enrolled in a school district in Westmoreland County. The ideal class is 25 individuals.

SESSION DATES & LOCATION

June 22-26, 2020, 8AM-3:30PM
Class members must make their own arrangements to travel daily to and from the Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce located 241 Tollgate Hill Road, Greensburg, PA 15601.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy selection committee will select approximately 25 participants based upon demonstrated leadership as well as gender, ethnic and geographic diversity.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply:

- Complete the application
- Sign the Code of Responsibility & Commitment Form
- Secure a letter of recommendation

Completed applications with payment must be received at the Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce office no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2020. Acceptance notification will occur on or before April 22, 2020.

Applications and Code of Responsibility & Commitment forms must be filled out digitally and submitted by email or USPS to the Chamber office. Only complete forms will be considered. Find all forms on the Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce website: www.westmorelandchamber.com

Send one letter of recommendation by email to Grace Markum, Program Facilitator at: leadership@westmorelandchamber.com. Note *Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy* in the subject line.



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