

McKinney Youth Leadership

A Program of the Rotary Club of McKinney

2015-2016 Fact Sheet & Application Packet

McKinney Youth Leadership mission:

We provide a yearlong, life changing experience in leadership development for young men and women from diverse social, economic, and geographic backgrounds. Our objective is twofold. The first is to identify and attract tomorrow's leaders who live or go to school in McKinney. The second is to develop these young men and women in a way that positively impacts their families, their friends, their schools and their communities.

McKinney Youth Leadership objectives:

- 1- Facilitate and encourage interaction between the students using "real world" models that give them a major head start as they progress from high school thru college and into the work force.
- 2- Foster awareness of positive aspects of voluntary participation in community affairs and activities.
- 3- Provide an interactive environment focusing on the decision making process that enhances individual and group problem solving skills.
- 4- Encourage personal responsibility in a team environment building self-esteem, confidence, character and self-respect.
- 5- Create opportunities for the students to utilize their new skillset as they make a difference in their school and communities.

Class size:

Students will be selected from applications received from current high school freshmen. We will have a group of no more than 30 students that are committed to participating EACH month.

Selection Process:

Application submission deadline is midnight June 26, 2015. Applicants will be notified of acceptance in the program by email on July 15, 2015.

Cost and Coordination and General Details:

The cost per student is \$75 for the entire year. We gratefully accept donations from corporations, organizations and individuals. A committee from the McKinney Rotary Club orchestrates and implements the program. The program consists of 10 monthly sessions.

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Criteria for Candidates:

- 1- Must be currently enrolled in the 9th grade (will be a Sophomore in Fall 2015) and either attend school or live in McKinney.
- 2- Must be passing ALL classes with an 80% or better at the time of application.
- 3- Must receive permission from parent/guardian.
- 4- Must attend all in class sessions.
- 5- Must be willing to actively participate and work within a team structure.
- 6- Must be willing to assume leadership responsibilities throughout the year.

Attendance policy:

Due to the nature of the program, we must insist that strict attendance be observed. If a student misses more than 3 sessions they will be considered a “participant” rather than “graduate” In addition, we respectfully request that at least one parent/guardian be present for both the orientation and graduation dinner.

Class sessions:

Class sessions will be generally held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Tuesdays. There are two Saturday sessions. One for the Heard Ropes Course and One for McKinney Make a Difference Day. The venues will be announced as soon as they have been determined. A tentative class scheduled is attached for more information.

Communication policy:

The students will pick a Class President and VP that will help the Class Chairs coordinate email communication with the teams. Each student is expected to provide a working phone number and email address at the first in-class session.

Team project:

The students will be assigned to a team that will select a Community Service Project. The teams will make a presentation on their projects at the graduation dinner. The presentations will be 5 to 10 minutes in length and be in a multimedia or PowerPoint format involving every member of the team.

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2015-2016 Application Form

Instructions:

- Section one is completed by the applicant
- Section two is signed by the (a) student and (b) the parent or legal guardian

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c/o McKinney Rotary

PO Box 552

McKinney, TX 75070

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SECTION 1- To Be Completed By the Applicant

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print or type legibly)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

School _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____ T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Home Address _____ City _____

Primary Phone Number _____ Additional phone number _____

Student email _____

Primary parent/guardian name _____

Primary parent/guardian email & cell number _____

SECTION 2- To be signed by Student and Primary Parent/Guardian

Student Signature _____

Primary Parent/Guardian _____

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ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVITIES and INTERESTS

Please list, in order of importance to you, four school, volunteer, religious, social or athletic activities that you have participated in during the past three years:

1- _____

2- _____

3- _____

4- _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Please describe yourself and what you anticipate the MYL program will involve:

Please clearly define what leadership means to you:

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Whom do you consider to be the three most influential leaders since 1900? Why?

What do you consider to be important attributes/skills of a leader? Why?

Please explain what teamwork means to you and why you do or don't value it.

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2015-2016 Application Disclosure/Final Signatures

I am aware of the importance of attending all MYL sessions and fully understand the attendance policy. In addition, I have read, understand and agree to the MYL attendance policy.

Signature of Student

Date

Parental/Guardian Approval

Student name: _____

For and in consideration of participation in McKinney Youth Leadership (MYL), a program of the Rotary Club of McKinney, the undersigned parent or legal guardian for and on behalf of the above named student, his or her heirs, executors and assigns, does hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless The Rotary Club of McKinney, the MYL committee, their agents, officers, and employees from any and all claims, damages, personal injury, including death and property damage resulting directly or indirectly from the MYL program, including the planning, organization and presentation of the program as well as transportation to and from all program activities. All still and video photography and any audio recording becomes the property of The MYL program.

My son/daughter has my support and permission to participate in the McKinney Youth Leadership Program. I have read, understand and agree to the MYL attendance policy, and will ensure that my son/daughter attends ALL sessions.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

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2015-2016 Tentative Class Calendar

- Session 1: Mandatory – Building a Foundation for Leadership
August Tuesday TBD -- 6:30 to 8pm
Student and Parent Orientation – At least one parent must attend
Cottonwood Creek Church Classroom – Second Floor
- Session 2: Mandatory – Ropes Course Team Building
August Saturday TBD – 9am to 1pm
Heard Natural Science Museum
Pizza will be served for lunch
- Session 3: Cars, Credit, and Caring for Both
September Tuesday TBD -- 6pm to 8pm
Bob Tomes Ford - Classroom 2nd Floor
- Session 4: McKinney Make a Difference Day
Saturday October 24, 2015 -- 8am to noon
Chestnut Square Historical Area
- Session 5: Mock City Council Work Session
November Tuesday TBD -- 6pm to 8pm
McKinney City Hall
- Session 6: Getting Ready for College
December Tuesday TBD -- 6pm to 8pm
Collin College McKinney Central Campus
- Session 7: Volunteer Opportunities in the Community
January Tuesday TBD -- 6pm to 7:30pm
Location TBD
- Session 8: Tour of Collin County Detention Center
February Tuesday TBD -- 6pm to 8pm
Collin County Detention Center
- Session 9: Etiquette Dinner
March Tuesday TBD -- 6pm to 8:00pm
Location TBD
- Session 10: Service Project Presentations and Graduation
April Tuesday TBD -- 6pm to 8pm
Grand Hotel Ballroom – Rick's Chophouse, McKinney Square