

PLANO YOUTH LEADERSHIP 2008 - 2009 APPLICATION PACKET

INFORMATION AND OVERVIEW

Plano Youth Leadership is designed for **10th grade students** who want to learn to be effective leaders. You don't have to be the president of your class or a team captain. If you think you have leadership potential or you have a desire to learn more about leadership and opportunities in your community, then Plano Youth Leadership is for you.

The purpose of Plano Youth Leadership is to train students in leadership techniques and community awareness so that they may become familiar with current issues, community resources, opportunities, and other factors influencing the direction of Plano's future. Participation in the program will require your time and energy. You will be expected to attend a monthly session.

We appreciate your interest in PYL. *Before completing the attached application form, you are strongly encouraged to review all the information carefully. If you are selected to participate, you will be required to attend the mandatory Orientation and Teamwork Challenge. No exceptions!*

ELIGIBILITY/CRITERIA

Students who are currently enrolled in the 9th grade and who reside in the area served by the Plano Independent School District are eligible to apply. Participants will be selected by the Plano Youth Leadership Selection Committee based upon the information provided in their application.

All applicants must:

- ◆ Attend the Orientation on a Sunday evening in mid-September and the Teamwork Challenge on a Saturday morning in mid-October. The exact dates will be announced in the acceptance letters.
- ◆ Be in good academic standing
- ◆ Be enrolled in the 10th grade for the 2008-2009 school year
- ◆ Be responsible for the \$125 tuition payment if selected. **Need-based scholarships are available.**
- ◆ Receive permission to participate from parent/guardian and principal, headmaster or counselor

SELECTION PROCESS

In order to be considered for selection, students must follow these application guidelines:

- ◆ Complete the entire application form;
- ◆ Get all necessary signatures on the applications (see Section 2 of the application);
- ◆ Obtain one reference (see Section 3 of the application);
- ◆ Provide a resume including the specific impact you made through your participation; and
- ◆ ***Ensure that the application and reference are postmarked no later than April 4, 2008.***

NOTE: Incomplete applications or applications received after this date will not be considered.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial assistance is available in the form of a grant for tuition for those students who currently receive free or reduced price lunch through PISD. A letter from the applicant's legal guardian stating why the scholarship is needed must be included with the application for consideration. Awards are based on need and will be granted in the order of request.

Students will be notified of acceptance in the program by May 18, 2008.

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**SESSION CALENDAR
(Subject to change)**

Session 1 (MANDATORY): Sunday, September 7, 2008 6:30-9:00 pm
Orientation – Identifying Leadership Styles

Welcome and overview of the program for both students and parents, with the opportunity to learn about your leadership style

Session 2 (MANDATORY): Saturday, October 11, 2008 8:30-1:30 pm
The Teamwork Challenge

Develop team building knowledge and skills

Session 3: Thursday, November 13, 2008 5:30-8:30 pm
My Role as a Leader

Learn about effective leadership

Session 4: Thursday, December 11, 2008 5:30-8:30 pm
More Alike Than Different

Learn about the similarities and differences of people

Session 5: Thursday, January 22, 2009 5:30-8:30 pm
My Rights and Responsibilities as a Leader

Learn about volunteer opportunities and human service

Session 6: Thursday, February 19, 2009 5:30-8:30 pm
My Stake in the Future

Learn about and explore educational and business opportunities

Session 7: Thursday, March 19, 2008 5:30-8:30 pm
My Impact on Others

Develop awareness of political and judicial process of our government

Session 8: Friday, April 17, 2009 6:00 pm – 1:00 am
My Decisions Reflect on Me – “Plano After Dark”

Experience what happens in our community after the sun goes down

Session 9: Sunday, May 17, 2009
Leading for a Lifetime

Program graduation event

All class members must attend all sessions; however, excused absences for illness, school-related activities or other circumstances beyond the student’s control, will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Any class member who fails to attend two (2) class sessions or the

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equivalent (6 hours) other than the required orientation and the Teamwork Challenge shall forfeit his/her place in the class.

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Instructions

You can find this application on-line at www.planoyouthleadership.org. You must print and submit the application and references by mail. Each applicant will be responsible for ensuring that the application is completed and postmarked prior to the deadline. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

- Section 1 is completed by the applicant.
- Section 2 is signed by (a) the applicant, (b) a parent or legal guardian, and (c) an educator.
- Sections 1 and 2 are sent by the applicant to Plano Youth Leadership at the address below.
- Section 3 is completed by two references and sent directly by the references to Plano Youth Leadership.

PLANO YOUTH LEADERSHIP
P.O. Box 261486
Plano TX 75026-1486

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 4, 2008. No exceptions.

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SECTION 1 – TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

Personal Information (please print)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Name you prefer to be called _____

Date of birth _____ Gender _____ T-shirt size _____ High School _____

GPA: _____ out of a possible _____

Student E-mail _____ Parent E-mail _____

Home address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home phone number _____ Cell phone number _____

Father/Guardian _____

Name

Work Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

Mother/Guardian _____

Name

Work Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

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1. Briefly, explain why you believe you have leadership potential:

2. Why should you be selected to be a part of the next PYL class?

3. My five most important character attributes are:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

4. Give examples in which you have demonstrated any of the above character attributes.

5. The four areas in which I would like to improve are:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

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6. From participation in PYL, I expect to learn:

7. I believe I can offer the following to PYL:

8. As a future leader of my community, I would help change:

9. My personal definition of Leadership is:

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10. Looking into the future, I see myself in these leadership roles:

In high school _____

In college _____

Later _____

11. Is there anything else you would like Plano Youth Leadership to know about you?

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EXAMPLE RESUME

Joe Student
1234 Anywhere St.
Plano, TX 75093

EXPERIENCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Troubleshooting and problem-solving skills

- Investigated and resolved visitors' computer problems at the Hilldale Public Library.
- Winner of the DMC Programming Contest, 2004.

Excellent organizational skills

- Awarded "Volunteer of the Year" by the Hilldale Public Library in 2004 for noted organizational skills.
- Helped reorganized records system, saving the Tannen Blood Center \$15,000 per year.
- Organized various events for the Hilldale High School Math Club.

Strong computer skills

- Earned "A" or "A+" in all computer classes.
- Built personal computer from scratch.

VOLUNTEER HISTORY

Hilldale Public Library — Summer 2004, Summer 2005
Hilldale, CA
Computer assistant

American Red Cross — Spring 2004
Florida
Relief volunteer

Tannen Blood Center — Summer 2003
Hilldale, CA
Assistant Systems Clerk

SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

Hilldale High School Math Club — 2003 - 2005
Vice-president — 2005

National Honor Society — 2003 - 2005

Clayton Middle School Library — 2000 - 2002
Student Librarian

EDUCATION

Hilldale High School
2003 - 2005
Graduation Date: 2007

Clayton Middle School
1999 - 2002

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SECTION 2 – APPLICATION – SIGNATURES

I have read and I understand this application and the program commitment required. I am aware of the importance of attending all PYL sessions. I have read, understand, and agree to the PYL Attendance Policy (see below). **I understand that should I miss more than six hours of the program, I will be dropped from the program and will forfeit the tuition.**

Signature of Student

Date

My son/daughter has my support and permission to participate in PYL. I have read and I understand this application and the Program commitments required of my son/daughter. I agree to the PYL Attendance Policy. I will ensure that my son/daughter attends all sessions, unless an excused absence has been given in advance.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

This student has my support to participate in the Plano Youth Leadership program. This student meets the criteria of being in good academic standing.

Signature of High School Principal, Headmaster, or Counselor

Date

Plano Youth Leadership Attendance Policy

Students in the Plano Youth Leadership program must attend all sessions; however, excused absences for illness, school-related activities, or other circumstances beyond the student's control, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The first two sessions (Orientation and Teamwork Challenge) are mandatory.

Any class member who fails to attend two class sessions or the equivalent (six hours) other than the required Orientation and the Teamwork Challenge shall forfeit his place in the class.

Any member who does not attend the Orientation, the Teamwork Challenge, and meet other attendance requirements shall forfeit his place in the class.

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2007 APPLICATION FORM**

SECTION 3 – APPLICATION – REFERENCE FORM 1 (counselor, teacher or school coach)

TO THE APPLICANT:

Please print your name and phone number in the spaces provided below:

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ Email _____

Please provide this reference form for completion by someone who knows you well but who is not a family member. **Reference Form 1 needs to be completed by a counselor, teacher or school coach. Reference Form 2 needs to be completed by a neighbor, minister, or extra-curricular coach. Do this as soon as possible so it will be postmarked prior to the application deadline of April 4, 2008.** Confirm that the reference writer prepared and sent before the deadline.

This form is confidential and must be returned directly by the person completing it. Therefore, **you must provide to the reference writer a stamped envelope addressed to:**

PLANO YOUTH LEADERSHIP
P.O. Box 261486
Plano, TX 75026-1486

TO THE REFERENCE WRITER:

The applicant named above has applied to participate in the 2008-09 class of Plano Youth Leadership. This reference form will contribute to the applicant's overall profile and serve as an additional component of the application. We appreciate your assistance in this process.

Reference completed by _____ Date _____

Name of organization/company/institution at which the relationship with the applicant was formed:

Phone _____ Email _____

Please place this completed form (two pages) in the stamped, addressed envelope provided to you by the applicant, and mail it so that it will be postmarked no later than April 4, 2008.

Thank you for your time and effort. This information will be kept confidential.

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1. What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

2. How long have you known the applicant? _____

3. Briefly describe a specific example where this applicant has demonstrated the following:

Character and personality _____

Initiative and drive _____

Works well with peers _____

Leadership demonstrated _____

Ability to accept criticism _____

Potential for growth _____

4. What would you consider the applicant's main strengths?

5. What would you consider the applicant's areas needing improvement?

6. Why should this applicant be part of the PYL class?

7. Is there anything else you would like the selection committee to know about this applicant?

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SECTION 3 – APPLICATION – REFERENCE FORM 2 (neighbor, minister or extra-curricular coach)

TO THE APPLICANT:

Please print your name and phone number in the spaces provided below:

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ Email _____

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TO THE REFERENCE WRITER:

The applicant named above has applied to participate in the 2007-08 class of Plano Youth Leadership. This reference form will contribute to the applicant's overall profile and serve as an additional component of the application. We appreciate your assistance in this process.

Reference completed by _____ Date _____

Name of organization/company/institution at which the relationship with the applicant was formed:

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2. How long have you known the applicant? _____
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Character and personality _____

Initiative and drive _____

Works well with peers _____

Leadership demonstrated _____

Ability to accept criticism _____

Potential for growth _____

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