



Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site Youth Leadership Academy: Agents of Change APPLICATION 2019-20

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM

The **Youth Leadership Academy** is sponsored by Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site and the National Park Service. This selection of students will begin the tenth year of the program and will include high school students from greater Little Rock/Central Arkansas. The selection of new members of the Youth Leadership Academy will be announced to the public on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – Monday, January 20, 2020.

The purpose of the Youth Leadership Academy is to empower young leaders at the National Historic Site and promote volunteerism, nonviolence, and stewardship for the National Park Service. Our mission is to help develop student leaders, raise consciousness in our communities, and encourage creativity in education of civil and human rights issues. Participants will discover themselves and gain knowledge in the context of the local and global community and share that knowledge on to others as agents of change for leadership and nonviolence.

Collectively, the high school students will generate empowerment through interactive workshops, leadership training and dialogue with influential guest speakers in order to foster global responsibility and service to the community. One unique aspect of the Academy is the youth involvement in the planning and implementation of the program. Each member of the Youth Leadership Academy will be evaluated annually on participation, attendance, contribution and other commitments to allow us to maintain a strong, functional and productive organization.

ELIGIBILITY

- Freshman, sophomore or junior currently enrolled in high school.
- Students must fully complete and submit the Youth Leadership Academy Application.
- Students must be able to attend scheduled meetings (typically two meetings each month) and occasional special events at the National Historic Site. If transportation is an issue, please note on application under “Other Information.”

REFERENCES

Please list one reference, not a relative, who has knowledge of you personally, academically and/or professionally. Your selected reference will be contacted as part of the application process.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Relationship (neighbor, friend, etc.): _____

Length of time known: _____

OTHER INFORMATION

Please list additional information relevant to applicant, parent/guardian or reference in the provided space.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, November 29, 2019 by 5:00 pm CST
Application Submission Deadline

Saturday, December 14, 2019
Selection of students and notification by phone

Monday, December 16, 2019
Letters sent to parents/guardians of selected students

Monday, January 20, 2020 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday)
Time - TBD
Public announcement of students selected and program at Little Rock Central High School NHS to announce Youth Leadership Academy

ARTISTIC AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION TOPICS

Answer each of the following questions in 200 words or less:

- I. In a speech, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated, “On some positions cowardice asks the question, is it safe? Expediency asks the question, is it politic? Vanity asks the question, is it popular? But conscience asks the question, is it right?” Describe a situation where you have encountered a challenge to your conscience.**
- II. Why do you seek to become a member of the Youth Leadership Academy and what leadership skills/services will you bring to this group?**
- III. List all organizations/clubs you belong to and explain why and how being a member of the Youth Leadership Academy would be a priority among other commitments.**

ARTISTIC EXPRESSION GUIDELINES

If you would like to supplement your answers with an artistic or creative expression, here are the guidelines:

ALL work must be ORIGINAL.

- All visual work (ex. painting, drawing, photography, etc.) must be accompanied by a description. Please include any multimedia presentation on a CD or DVD.

Examples of artistic expressions may include but are not limited to these mediums:

- Paintings
- Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers.
- Photographic essay
- Video (Length: 2-5 minutes)
- Audio presentation – Example: Voice recording, public service announcement (Length: 90 – 120 seconds)
- Poem (Two pages)

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Please mail, fax, email or hand-deliver completed application to:

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