

The objective of the Denison Youth Leadership Academy (DYLA) is to stimulate our next generation of leaders and encourage them to return to Denison after completing their education. DYLA is focused on creating opportunities for high school juniors to visit local businesses and government offices. The purpose of these visits is to provide a close-up look at different organizations in the area and to kindle students' interest in potential career paths and community involvement. These visits will be done in joint cooperation with the school system and will include a group of students who have applied for and been awarded admission into the DYLA.

The Denison Youth Leadership Academy is a fun way to enhance students' individual growth and fulfillment as they prepare to meet the challenges of the future. Students will meet with area leaders who will share their expertise and provide insight to the present and future challenges facing students today.

If you have an interest in developing your leadership potential, Denison Youth Leadership Academy is looking for you.

Application Information

Students may print an application online at www.denisonypg.org, get an application from their counselor, or pick up an application at the Denison Development Alliance located at 311 W. Woodard St., Denison.

Each student must be a DISD junior during the 2011/2012 school year.

Approximately twenty (18) slots are available. The selection committee will notify the selected applicants by May 31, 2011.

Students must submit their application NO LATER than 3:30 pm on May 25, 2011.



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CLASS OF 2013 DENISON YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



LEAD LOCALLY

THINK GLOBALLY

*Preparing today's high school students to
become tomorrow's community leaders*

Sponsored by a partnership between the Denison Young Professionals Group & the Denison Chamber of Commerce

Program Objective

Today's Denison youth represent our community's future leaders. Denison Youth Leadership Academy was created to stimulate this next generation of leaders by offering education necessary for career planning as well as an introduction to community involvement and volunteerism. By allowing high school juniors to visit local businesses and government agencies, Denison Youth Leadership Academy provides a close-up look at the mechanics of area agencies while kindling students' interests in potential career paths and community involvement. By educating our youth, Denison



Youth Leadership Academy hopes to foster a lifelong sense of community pride while encouraging young people to remain in or return to Denison upon completing their education.

The visits outlined in the program will be administered in joint cooperation with the Denison school system and will include a group of students who have applied for and been awarded admission into the Denison Youth Leadership Academy.

The Denison Youth Leadership Academy is in its second year of operation and plans to explore additional development opportunities for our young people.

Why Apply

Students will discover the Denison Youth Leadership Academy is a fun way to enhance their individual growth and fulfillment as they prepare to meet the challenges of the future. The quality of our students' leadership will determine the future of our country as well as our communities.

Schedule

Students will participate in a series of six meetings focusing on issues in Denison and Grayson County.

During each session, students will meet with area leaders who will share their expertise and provide insight to the present and future challenges facing our students.

Each session will be four to eight hours long.

Sessions include:

Ropes Course (09/21/2011)

The ropes course provides an excellent opportunity for both individual and team development. It develops trust, communication, decision-making, problem solving, and teamwork through group dynamics skills.



Workforce Development (10/10/2011)

Workforce Development will involve several local industry tours that will introduce careers ranging from medical, engineering, sales, aerospace, and manufacturing. You will also get a chance to tour the Workforce Center and find out what type of career is best suited for your personality and find out how to use the resources available to acquire the career of your choice.



City & County Government (11/02/2011)

City & County Government Day will give you a good overview of how local government works, and how you can get involved. Presentations by the Grayson County Commissioner David Whitlock and the Assistant District Attorney will help you understand things that happen at a

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County-Wide level. To understand how things work in the City of Denison you will visit the Fire Department and Police Station, then visit with Mayor Robert Brady and Councilman Jared .

Social Agencies (01/16/2012)

During visits to local organizations such as TCOG, North Texas Youth Connection, Grayson County Shelter, and Helping Hands, students will gain valuable information about the services available to Grayson County residents. Students will have opportunities to make a difference by completing short hands-on volunteerism assignments at each location.

Communication Development (02/20/2012)

Leaders are expected to have polished communication skills to succeed in today's business environment. Communication development will involve students participating in on-air interviews and other communication activities throughout the day.



Community Development (04/18/2012)

Community Development Day is about giving back to the community. Good leaders volunteer their time, and offer financial support to community projects. You will spend time with local artists, and learn the role the Arts play in Downtown Denison, and tourism.

Sessions have been designed to include role playing and simulations and to provoke further thought and open dialog. This is truly a "hands on" adventure.

Student Responsibilities

Who Can Apply

Any junior student who has an interest in enhancing the quality of life in Denison and their own lives may apply. No specific educational requirements are required.

Process for Selection

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Attendance

The leadership program is a building process. **Students are expected to attend each scheduled activity during the year with no absences (emergencies accepted).** Transportation will be provided and all classes missed are considered school activity absences. Meals will be provided during sessions longer than 4 hours.

There is no charge to the student for participating in the Denison Youth Leadership Academy. Program costs were paid through the generosity of the Denison Area chamber of Commerce.

Cancellation of Meetings

If for any reason (such as inclement weather) school/activities are cancelled by Denison ISD, the Denison Youth Leadership Academy activities will be cancelled for the day and rescheduled for a later time.

Planning for the Denison Youth Leadership Program was accomplished through a joint effort between the Denison Young Professionals Group & the Denison Area Chamber of Commerce.