



ABOUT YOUTH LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE

Youth Leadership Exchange (YLX) is the premier leadership program for high school students in Oklahoma City. We connect today's teenagers who are already leaders or show leadership potential with OKC's most important citizens, businesses and nonprofit leaders. Established in 1994 with one program, YLX consists of three (3) possible tracks for interested students: Leadership Skills (original program), Youth in Action and Youth Council of OKC.

AVAILABLE PROGRAMS



Leadership Skills

Participants will learn personal leadership skills, opportunities for community engagement and their role as citizens of the OKC Metro from a variety of top-level area leaders.



Youth in Action

Participants will form a mini-foundation to fund an organization that falls within their desired mission statement - then spend the spring raising financial support from local donors.



Youth Council of Oklahoma City

Participants will represent the City Council of OKC in their schools and communities. Youth Councilors work directly with their City Council representatives to learn about public service, explore city services and attractions in each ward, upcoming OKC projects and how city officials work with citizens to make OKC the incredible city it is today.

APPLICATION

- YLX applications will open in January 2024. There is no fee to apply.
- The application deadline is Monday, April 1, 2024.
- Visit www.lokc.org/ylx for more information and the application.



“ Youth Leadership Exchange allowed me to learn from intelligent, career-oriented, and successful adults who care about the future leaders of Oklahoma. ”

CLASS DATES AND INFORMATION

LEADERSHIP SKILLS

- Seven monthly sessions [Sept - Apr]
- Opening Retreat - mandatory [Sept]
- YLX Conclave [early Dec]
- YLX Graduation [early May]

YOUTH IN ACTION

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YOUTH COUNCIL OF OKC

- Appointment by City Council [mid Aug]
- Opening Retreat - mandatory 2-day [late Aug, Fri-Sat]
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The YLX programs kick off with opening retreats in August and September and runs through April, meeting one day per month. Program days, held during school hours and select Saturdays, include a combination of team-building exercises, experiential learning activities, site visits/tours, and dialogue with community leaders.

WHO SHOULD APPLY



High school sophomore, junior, or senior



There is no GPA minimum for the Leadership Skills and Youth in Action programs. Youth Council of OKC requires a GPA of 3.0+ (on a 4.0 scale).



Demonstrates leadership qualities and skills in school and beyond



Passion for positively impacting the community

TUITION

- Waived tuition fee (\$3,000 value)
- Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are provided
- Transportation is available if necessary

HOW TO APPLY

- Applications available at www.lokc.org/ylx
- Consent form signed by applicant, parent/guardian, and school principal/administrator is required



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