



INSTRUCTIONS for applying to Youth Leadership Sandy Springs 2019 - 2020

Complete this application to help us understand who you are and what you hope to accomplish as a member of the YLSS class of 2019-2020. Your application must be completed and submitted by **March 16, 2019**.

Submit this application and supporting documents via email to YLSSapp@LeadershipSandySprings.org by March 16, 2019.

There are **three** parts to your Youth Leadership Sandy Springs application. A fourth part, a recommendation for the program, is optional. **All parts must be completed by March 16, 2019, for you to be considered for the 2019 – 2020 class.**

1. Downloadable application that includes basic information, a recent photo and answers to essay questions
2. Video submission
3. Commitment page: Time and Transportation
4. Recommendation – **Optional**

Follow the instructions below to complete each piece accurately and completely.

- **Application:** Download this fillable form and type in your information. Short essay questions are limited to 1000 characters each. Save and email your completed application and a recent photo to YLSSapp@LeadershipSandySprings.org.
- **Video:** Submit a two-minute video of yourself. Instructions on the content of the video are below. Be sure you introduce yourself and state your name in the video. When you have completed the video, save it with your name in the filename and upload it [Here](#).
- **Time and Transportation Commitment page:** YLSS has a total of ten meeting days during the school year, plus a Kickoff Night. This includes six weekdays for which you will miss school. You will be responsible for completing any missed assignments. To ensure your school knows that you are applying for this program, please collect the required signatures and then scan and email the page to YLSSapp@LeadershipSandySprings.org.
- **Transportation Commitment:** All YLSS programs start and end in Sandy Springs. If a program is not going to be in Sandy Springs, we will take a chartered bus to the program site. The bus will originate in Sandy Springs. It is your responsibility to get to our starting point each day.
- **Recommendation - Optional:** If you would like to have an adult who knows you well write a recommendation for you, provide them with the Recommendation page and a stamped envelope addressed to Youth Leadership Sandy Springs, P.O. Box 28007, Sandy Springs, GA 30358. Be sure to indicate whom you asked for a recommendation in the appropriate box on your application.



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Tuition and Scholarship: A \$500 tuition fee, payable upon acceptance into the program, helps cover YLSS program expenses. Full and partial scholarships, based on financial need, are available. Requests for financial assistance are confidential and have no effect on the selection process. If you would like to be considered for a scholarship, please check the applicable box on the application form.

If you prefer to mail your application, send it to: Youth Leadership Sandy Springs, P.O. Box 28007, Sandy Springs, GA. 30358.

Questions: Contact Linda Cahn 404-983-1962 or YLSSDirector@leadershipsandysprings.org.

Thank you for your interest in YLSS. We will email you to confirm receipt of your completed application. If you do not hear back from us confirming receipt of your application **by March 23, 2019** please call Linda Cahn at 404-983-1962.

You will be notified of your acceptance status by **May 4, 2019**.



PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.	Prefer to be called:
Home Address:		City:	ZIP:
Email Address (all YLSS participants must have a valid email address):			
Cell Phone (all YLSS participants must be able to send and receive text messages):			
Home Phone (if applicable):			
School:			
Grade:			
Gender:			
Have any of your immediate family members participated in YLSS or LSS?			
If so, please list their name and year, if known:			
Are you asking someone to write you an <i>optional</i> recommendation?			
If so, please list their name and relationship to you:			
TUITION and SCHOLARSHIPS			
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Would you like to be considered for a financial-aid scholarship? Yes: No:			



Video:

As we are unable to interview applicants, we ask that you submit a two-minute video that answers one of the questions below. Read through the questions and select one question that you would like to answer. Feel free to be as creative as you'd like in content and setting for your response. The goal is for you to give us a sense of who you are and what is important to you.

Be sure you introduce yourself and state your name in the video.

When you have completed the video, save it with your name in the file name and upload it [Here](#).

- Describe a time when you were curious about something and how you pursued it.
- Describe a time when you had a leadership role, either formally or informally. Describe a situation in which you were successful and a situation in which you struggled while you were in this role.
- Think about the ways you are involved in your community. Describe a time when you made a difference. (You may define community however it makes sense to you.)
- What is your one accomplishment that makes you most proud? Why?
- What outrages you and what have you done or are you doing about it?

Essay Questions: (please respond to each question in 1000 characters or less)

1. What is your favorite class? Why?
2. What do you want to learn from YLSS and why?
3. How are you involved in your school and community?



5. Pick one additional question from the list below and answer it in the space provided. It **cannot** be the same question as the one you selected for your video:
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 - Describe a time when you had a leadership role, either formally or informally. Describe an area in which you were successful and an area in which you struggled while you were in this role.
 - Think about the ways you are involved in your community. Describe a time when you made a difference. (You may define community however it makes sense to you.)
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 - What outrages you and what have you done or are you doing about it?

Answer:



COMMITMENT: Time and Transportation

The time commitment for Youth Leadership Sandy Springs is ten program days plus a Kickoff Night meeting in August. Six of the program days occur during school hours. In addition, we have an opening Saturday retreat, two Sunday Leadership Skills Workshops, and a Sunday afternoon graduation.

The **time** commitment is to be taken seriously and attendance at all programs is mandatory. Participants who do not comply with the attendance requirements may be dropped from the program.

Students are required to provide their own **transportation** to/from all program days. If a program is not occurring in Sandy Springs, we will meet at a central location in Sandy Springs and take a chartered bus to the program.

Applicants for YLSS must have the support and commitment of their high school. The signature of the principal is necessary to indicate that commitment. Additionally, the signature of a parent or legal guardian is necessary to indicate support of the applicant's participation in YLSS and the ability of the student to get to/from all program days.

Student Name (Printed) _____

Signature of Applicant Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

Signature of High School Principal Date

Please use black ink & mail by **March 16, 2019**, in the student-provided envelope addressed to Youth Leadership Sandy Springs, P.O. Box 28007, Sandy Springs, GA 30358. Alternatively, take a clear photo of the signed form and email to yssapp@leadershipsandysprings.org.



Optional
Recommendation for Youth Leadership Sandy Springs

Please use black ink & return by **March 16, 2019** in the student-provided envelope addressed to Youth Leadership Sandy Springs, P.O. Box 28007, Sandy Springs, GA 30358. Or, scan your completed signed recommendation and email it to ylsapp@leadershipsandysprings.org.

Student Name _____

How long and in what capacity have you known this applicant?

What are the first three words that come to mind when you think of this student?

What is your candid estimation of the applicant's personal qualities? How well is he or she suited to learn from and contribute to the YLSS class as described below?

Youth Leadership Sandy Springs, YLSS, is a unique opportunity for high school sophomores and juniors to develop leadership skills, understand how a community works and discover opportunities for service. In the nine-month program, students explore Sandy Springs, seeing how government, environmental issues, social service agencies, public safety and businesses come together to shape our community.

Signature

Print Name

Position or Title

Organization