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### Accepting Applications for the Leadership Arlington Youth Program Class of 2017

**Arlington, VA** - Leadership Center for Excellence is seeking young leaders with an interest in philanthropy and community engagement to apply for the Leadership Arlington Youth Program Class of 2017. The application deadline is Wednesday, May 31, 2017.



Designed for rising high school juniors and seniors, the [Youth Program](#) is a two-week summer program that meets at different public, private and nonprofit locations throughout Arlington County. It exposes participants to diverse organizations and provides them the opportunity to meet with local leaders during this hands-on, experiential program. Additionally, the Youth Program helps participants develop skills in professionalism, mentoring, cultural competency and facilitation while fostering a lasting commitment to civic participation.

"This program for rising juniors and seniors is life-changing," said Liz Nohra, Chief Operating Officer of Leadership Center for Excellence. "It introduces the participants to what it means to be a leader both professionally and through their service to community. Throughout the program they meet with dozens of community leaders who are making an impact every day through their work and volunteerism."

Named [Best of Arlington 2016 Editors' Pick for Stellar Youth Program](#) by *Arlington Magazine*, the Youth Program provides valuable experiences for young leaders in the Arlington community.

Each summer, the 30 Youth Program class members learn leadership skills in this unique and fun environment. As Ryan Uckert, a Youth Program graduate, said, "At first, I was suspicious when the adults repeated over and over how much fun the program was going to be, but they were right. I learned a lot about Arlington and what makes it work. There are so many people working behind the scenes, and it was great seeing and learning about the tremendous, positive impact they have on the community. I won't forget the skills, friendships and memories from my time with Leadership Arlington."



Leadership Arlington Youth Program applications are now available online at [leadercenter.org/youth-program](http://leadercenter.org/youth-program). The application deadline is Wednesday, May 31, 2017.

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#### **About Leadership Center for Excellence**

The mission of Leadership Center for Excellence is to enlighten, inspire and connect leaders through community building and leadership development.

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