

Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy

MISSION

Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy's mission is to deliver a youth leadership program, empowering youth to learn, grow and lead through a learning experience designed to impart knowledge, create community awareness, promote team building and develop leadership skills.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy is a five-day leadership development program designed to introduce participants to leadership concepts and provide interaction with local business, government and community leaders.

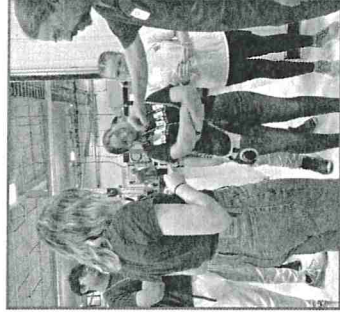
Participants will learn and grow by developing leadership skills and gaining knowledge through various methods. While some time is spent in a classroom setting, most of the week is spent observing leadership in action at various County locations with local business, government and community leaders. The week culminates in a graduation ceremony.



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PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT

This is a five-day program, June 16-20, 2025. Sessions are held each day from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Attendance every day, for the entire day, is expected and required to receive a graduation certificate. Excused absences will be considered on a case by case basis.



"My daughter enjoyed her time at Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy! She found it to be a great experience. This is a wonderful educational learning opportunity for students."

S.L. (Penn Trafford Parent)



Applications

due by April 30, 2025

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TUITION

This program is financially supported by the Commonwealth of PA and the Workforce Investment Board of Westmoreland/Fayette Counties. It is being facilitated by the Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation (501C3.) The participant investment in Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy is \$175 which will be invoiced upon acceptance into the program. This investment helps defray operational costs, session materials and meals (light breakfasts, box lunches, snacks.)



"Thank you for accepting me into the Leadership Academy, placing me in a space to learn and make memories and new friends the I will never forget. The structure of the academy was exceptional, teaching me so much that I will be able to use throughout high school and in my career."
B. S. – Franklin Regional High School



REQUIREMENTS

Application to Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy is open to students who will be freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors September 2025 with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 who are enrolled in a school district, private school or is being home schooled in Westmoreland County. The ideal class is 25 individuals. We welcome diversity and inclusion.

SESSION DATES & LOCATION

June 16-20, 2025 from 8AM-3:30PM. Participants should make their own arrangements to travel daily to and from the Westmoreland Conservation District, 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA 15601

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy selection committee will select the first 25 participants meeting the application require



APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply:

- Complete the application process (application & code of responsibility form) by April 30, 2025.
- Submit check in the amount of \$175 payable to WCCC Education Foundation. No refunds after April 30, 2025.
- Please direct questions to Grace Markum, Program Facilitator:

Call/Text: (814) 659-7144 or

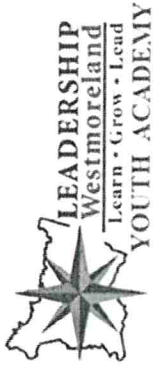
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Class of 2024



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Class OF 2025 APPLICATION

Applications and \$175 program fee are due April 30, 2025.

No refunds after April 30, 2025.

Acceptance notification will occur on or before May 9, 2025

Participant Contact Information – If printing, please print legibly.

Name _____ Name preferred
Last First MI for name tag _____

Mailing Address _____
Street # City Zip Code

Cell Phone _____ Applicant Email _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Cell Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

High School Name _____ High School GPA _____

Gender: ___ Female ___ Male

Race/Ethnicity: ___ American Indian ___ Asian ___ African American ___ Prefer not to answer
___ Hispanic ___ White ___ Other: _____

Application Questions

1. Why are you applying for Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy?
2. What are your aspirations after high school
3. What do you consider to be one of your strengths and one of your weaknesses?

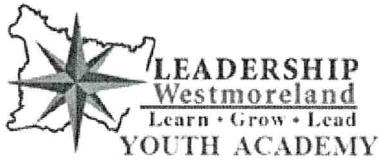
Applicant's Signature Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature Date

How did you learn about Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy?

If someone shared program information with you, please provide the following information:

Name Title Email Address



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CODE OF RESPONSIBILITY & COMMITMENT FORM

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Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy Code of Responsibility & Commitment Form

I, _____, (Participant) certify that I understand that a student who is admitted to the Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy program is given a space in the program that is then not available to other applicants. Consequently, students who apply for the program **MUST** intend to accept admission and participate fully in the Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy program.

I have reviewed the completed application and support this nomination. I also verify that the applicant's grade point average is _____ (a 2.5 minimum is required for participation in Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy.)

Applications must be received in the Leadership Westmoreland office no later than April 30, 2025. This form must be signed by all three parties as indicated and returned with the application by April 30, 2025.

Applicant Name _____

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant's Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Applicant's School Representative Signature/Title

Date