



Ellington's Emerging Leaders Program

Student Leadership Development Program

Location: Crystal Lake School (59 South Road, Ellington, CT 06029)

Dates: July 13–16

Time: 8:30AM – 4:00PM* (end time subject to change based on scheduled trips)

Position Title

Emerging Leader (Student Participant)

Position Overview

The Ellington's Emerging Leaders Program is a competitive, four-day leadership development experience for motivated students entering 9th or 10th grade. Participants will serve as leaders in training while engaging in hands-on leadership activities, team building, community service, and job exploration with Town of Ellington departments.

Emerging Leaders are selected through an application and interview process and are offered an official position by the Town of Ellington.

Program Purpose

This program is designed to help students:

- Build confidence, communication, and leadership skills
- Learn how local government and community organizations operate
- Practice responsibility, teamwork, and professionalism
- Become positive role models in the community

Participants will experience leadership in action through service projects, recreation programs, trips, and interactions with town leaders.

Key Responsibilities

Emerging Leaders will:

- Organize activities for youth campers and community members
- Participate in leadership training, workshops, and team challenges
- Model positive behavior, teamwork, and respect
- Represent the Town of Ellington in a professional and responsible manner
- Engage in reflection, goal setting, and group discussions

Program Activities Include

- Leadership workshops and motivational speakers
- CPR Certification
- Community service and volunteer experiences
- Trips and real-world experiences
- Meetings with town administrators and community leaders

Qualifications

Applicants must:

- Be entering 9th or 10th grade
- Demonstrate responsibility, maturity, and a positive attitude
- Be interested in leadership, teamwork, and community involvement
- Be willing to participate fully in all program activities
- Successfully complete an application and interview

What Participants Gain

- Leadership training and real-world experience
- CPR certification
- A Town of Ellington offer letter
- New friendships and professional connections
- A strong foundation for future jobs, volunteering, and school leadership roles

Program Capacity

- Up to 10 students will be selected.