



City Leaders Academy



Dear Colleague:

A very substantive leadership initiative has been developed in Columbus Ohio for middle school children, grades 6-8. The City Leaders Academy, launched in 2012, introduces young people to some of the people and places that make Columbus a great place to live. Our program year begins with the week-long *Discovering Columbus* Camp, August 15 – August 19, 2016. City Leaders Academy is held, September – May, on the third Saturday of each month. The program is designed to educate and ignite middle school youth to become model citizens and eventually become leaders of our great city.

For the upcoming program year, our curriculum will focus on Youth Issues, Youth Voices, guiding youth in engaging in public dialogue and problem solving. We invite you to identify a youth to apply to the City Leaders Academy. The ideal candidates for the program exhibit leadership abilities at school and within the community. Selection Criteria is as follows:

- Must be a city of Columbus resident; (If you are currently receiving City of Columbus trash & recycling services you are eligible)
- Must be entering the 6 - 8th grade this Fall;
- Must maintain a 3.0 grade point average in school (grade card must be submitted); students who will enter the 6th grade in the fall may also submit a report card and a letter from an administrator verifying it equates to a 3.0 GPA;
- Parent/Guardian must approve participation by fully completing all paperwork and agreeing to comply with program guidelines as well as attending the **mandatory orientation**; and,
- Students must answer essay questions on leadership.

The City Leaders Academy and related activities are **FREE** for all participants. Attendance is mandatory for both the Discovering Columbus Camp (five weekdays, 9am-5pm) and City Leader Academy monthly meetings (3rd Saturday of each month, September – May, from 12pm-3pm).

The **application deadline is Friday, June 17, 2016. No exceptions.** Selected youth will be notified by **June 24, 2016**. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Cece Harris at 614.645.1264 or via email at Amharris@columbus.gov. Thank you for supporting our effort to cultivate our next generation of city leaders.

Sincerely,

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Key Dates:

Application Deadline: June 17, 2016 **Parents Notified: June 24, 2016**
Parent Orientation: July 20, 2016
Discovering Columbus Camp: August 15-19, 2016
City Leaders Academy Begins: September 17, 2016



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Student Essay Questions (Please answer both questions)

Q1. The "Six Pillars of Character" serve as guideposts for the countless choices children and adults are asked to make on a daily basis. The "Six Pillars" are: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Choose one of the "Six Pillars" that you possess and explain how that character could help make you a leader in your neighborhood, school or worship center.

Q2. Describe someone in your in your neighborhood, school or worship center who is a good leader, what makes them a good leader?

Students' 250 word responses to the above essay questions must be typewritten and submitted, on a separate page, with the completed City Leader application. Only **completed** applications will be accepted.

2016/2017 APPLICATION

Participant

Child's name: _____ Gender: Male / Female (circle one)
Birth date: ___/___/___ Age: ___ School: _____ GPA: _____ Entering Grade: ___

Parent/Guardian Information

Name of Child's Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

The phone number to reach you between 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.: () _____

E-mail (Required): _____ Preferred method of contact? _____

Child resides primarily with (circle one): Mother/ Father/Mother and Father/Other: _____

Emergency contacts (other than parents)

	NAME	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone	Relationship
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____



Information/Photography Release

The staff, the media, and programming partners with permission from the City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, may photograph or videotape my child for educational and public relations purposes.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parents and family members of the City Leaders may attend the sessions however do we have your permission to photograph and videotape you? Yes _____ No _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Field Trip, Routine and Activity Release

I give permission for my child to participate in all field trips and activities offered by the City Leaders Program. These trips will include what is listed on the agenda, however, may be subject to change. I also authorize the City of Columbus to do everything necessary to make sure of my child's health and safety in case of an emergency. I agree to not hold the City of Columbus, staff and sponsors of the program responsible for property damage or injury that results from my child's participation in this program.

Signature _____ Date _____

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