



## Mayor Mike's City Leaders Academy

Dear Colleague:

Mayor Michael B. Coleman has developed a substantive leadership initiative 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 10 – August 14, 2015. 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, we will focus on the diversity that makes Columbus a culturally rich and exciting place to live. 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:

- 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 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade this Fall;
- Must maintain a 3.0 grade point average in school (grade card required); students 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) and City Leader Academy monthly meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday or each month, September – May).

The **application deadline is Friday, June 19, 2015**. Selected youth will be notified by **June 26, 2015**. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Cece Harris at 614.645.1264 or via email at [Amharris@columbus.gov](mailto: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 19, 2015

Parents Notified: June 26, 2015

Parent Orientation: July 14, 2015

Discovering Columbus Camp: August 10-14, 2015

City Leaders Academy Begins: September 19, 2015



## **Mayor Mike's City Leaders Academy 2015/2016 Application**

### ***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.

## **2015/2016 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.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____



**City Leaders Emergency Medical Authorization**

**(You must complete all sections of either Part 1 or Part 2 of this section. Do not complete both)**

**Part 1: Permission to transport child:** In the event of an emergency, I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby give the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) permission to take my child to the nearest medical and dental facilities or to the nearest available source of help. I understand that staff will give children basic first aid when necessary.

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

**Part 2: Refusal to give permission to transport child.** I \_\_\_\_\_ **DO NOT** give permission to take my child to a medical or dental facility. I understand that staff will give participants basic first aid when necessary, but if an illness or injury requires emergency treatment, please do the following: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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 \_\_\_\_\_