**Sustainable Youth Leadership Institute**

**2020 Student Application**

The Youth Energy Squad Leadership Team invites applications for a stipend service experience from high school juniors and seniors for its Sustainable Youth Leadership Institute. Available to students throughout the city of Detroit, this program introduces students to the nonprofit sector and careers related to leadership and community economic development.

***Each student will work together to gain leadership skills as well as creating a citywide environmental impact project. This year there are 10 available slots for the program.***

This year (450 hours), paid service experience program includes:

* a meaningful service experience at a nonprofit organization in the city of Detroit.
* leadership training and development sessions via Youth Leadership trainers in the Detroit area.
* site visits and field trips to select businesses, academic institutions and other industry locations.
* informal social activities during Sustainable Youth Leadership Institute.
* Place-based environmental educational conversations and projects.
* An all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

**About the Youth Energy Squad**

Founded in 2009, The Youth Energy Squad, a program of [***EcoWorks***](http://www.ecoworksdetroit.org/), cultivates the next generation of green leaders by engaging youth from diverse backgrounds in hands-on service learning projects that make their homes, schools and communities more sustainable. The Youth Energy Squad drives innovation, investment and action to create prosperous, sustainable communities. YES builds partnerships, leverages and invests resources, and creates a system of support for social enterprises who advance community economic sustainable development strategies. These strategies include Water security, Food access, Energy efficiency, and air quality. The Sustainable Youth Leadership Institute is just one element of YES’s overall focus on supporting talent and fostering success in the state's low-wealth communities.

**Benefits of the Program**

**• Valuable Service Experience**

The Youth Leadership Program offers students the opportunity to get real-world, stipend service experience in a field of interest. This experience will help students be competitive when pursuing future opportunities, including applying for college or future employment.

* **Environmental Sustainability Knowledge**

Students will be offered the opportunity to learn first hand about sustainable initiatives happening in the city of Detroit. They will also get the chance to visit Eco-D sites and be apart of sustainable projects in the city. The students will learn first hand how sustainable their communities are and learn ways they can impact their community sustainably.

**• Career Insight**

Students gain valuable insight into the nonprofit sector. Students are able to ask questions of industry professionals as well as understand how life skills prepare them for practical application within society. They are also introduced to different professionals in the field.

**• Leadership Development**

The Youth Leadership Academy features engaging leadership development training specifically targeted for high school students. Students are armed with the tools to succeed as leaders and provided mentorship to maximize their service experience with the aim of the students to be better prepared to take on the upcoming challenges.

**Schedule**

The 2020 Sustainable Youth Leadership Institute will take place from **January 17th through August 16th**. Students are expected to be at their host site/or event on the days discussed, unless instructed otherwise by their supervisor. For the duration of the program, participants are expected to defer family vacations, extra-curricular activities and other jobs during the service hours.

## **Washington, DC Discovery Trip**

In the Summer Sustainable Leadership Institute, we want to model leadership at the highest levels. In order to understand what that truly means, we are proud to introduce our annual Washington, DC Discovery Trip.The SLI will embark on a journey to our nation’s capital to see leadership on the national scale. This experience will be filled with personal growth and professional opportunity for students, who will develop relationships they can leverage for the rest of their lives.

overall, students will:

* Visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture
* See the sights of Washington, DC (White House, National Mall, monuments, and more!)
* Discuss careers with sustainability and justice advocates at the Center for American Progress
* Visit sustainability projects across the city and hear from leading blue-green infrastructure experts
* Be mentored by and develop relationships with young minority professionals in the DC area
* Have food, fun, and games (and a surprise pool party!?)

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***This trip and all experiences are free to every student in the Summer Leadership Institute!***

**Stipend and Expenses:**

A stipend of at least $1000 or more is awarded to interns over the 450 hour period which includes the summer program. Interns are not responsible for expenses, such as transportation to and from the local job site, but are responsible for lunch expenses while at the program site. Interns will also be expected to be available for three of the three overnight sessions held in a location to be decided. Lodging and meal expenses for the overnight stays are paid by YES.

**Selection Process**

*Applicant must be:*

• A high school Junior or senior in the 2019-2020 academic year in good standing (no minimum GPA required)

• A legal Detroit resident

• At least seventeen years old

*Selection is based on students:*

• Overall Application

• Commitment to Continuing environmental sustainable community engagement

• Community or School Involvement

Note: Selection is also based on the availability of applicants.

**Review Process and Notification**

Upon receipt of application materials, an acknowledgement email will be sent to the applicant.

Selected applicants will be notified by **January 10, 2020.** All applicants will be notified of the program's decision to **select** an application.

**Key Dates to Remember**

**Deadline to Apply.................................................................December 27th, 2019**

Notification of Selection. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . January 10,2020

Deadline to Confirm / Deny Internship …………………................ January 13th, 2020

Program Dates................................................................... January 17th- Aug 16th 2020

**How to Apply?**

**Online** **(PREFERRED METHOD):**

• Fill out and submit the application:

[fill online form here](https://forms.gle/PFaMti1qYDtfJYGZ7)

**OR**

**By Mail:**

• Mail completed application

**Mailing Address:**

Youth Energy Squad

**Attn: 2020 Youth Leadership Program**

22400 W 7 Mile Rd,

Detroit, MI 48219

**Need More Information?**

The Youth Energy Squad thanks you for your interest in applying for this Leadership opportunity. You may visit our website at www.youthenergysquad.org/leadershipinstitute for more details about the Youth Leadership Program, such as access for the online application and frequently asked questions.

**Contact Information**

For any questions or concerns, please reach out to:

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Program Facilitator

Phone: 313-585-3664

Email: [**leadership@youthenergysquad.org**](mailto:leadership@youthenergysquad.org)

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| **STUDENT INFORMATION** | | | |
| First name | Last Name | Birthdate | Gender  ꗃ Male ꗃ female ꗃ non-binary  ꗃ prefer not to answer |
| Address | | | |
| City State Zipcode County | | | |
| Home Phone | Cell Phone | Email Address | |
| School Name | Expected Graduation Date | | Current GPA |
| **Ethnicity**  ꗃ African-American ꗃ Cuban ꗃ Korean ꗃ Puerto Rican  ꗃ American Indian ꗃ Filipino ꗃ Latino ꗃ Samoan  ꗃ Caucasian ꗃGuamanian ꗃ Native Hawaiian  ꗃ Vietnamese ꗃ Chicano ꗃ Indian ꗃ Pakistani  ꗃ Chinese ꗃ Japanese ꗃ Polynesian  ꗃ Other please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **How did you hear about the Youth Leadership Program?**  ꗃ School/Guidance Counselor ꗃ Friend ꗃ Church  ꗃ Flyer/Posted Advertisement ꗃ Email ꗃ Website  ꗃ Family Member ꗃOther please specify  ꗃPrevious Intern\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Do you speak a language other than English?**  French ꗃ Novice ꗃ Intermediate ꗃ Fluent  Spanish ꗃ Novice ꗃIntermediate ꗃ Fluent  German ꗃ Novice ꗃIntermediate ꗃ Fluent  Other \_\_\_\_\_ ꗃ Novice ꗃIntermediate ꗃ Fluent | | |
| PARENT /LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION | | | |
| First Name | Last Name | | Relationship to Student |
| Mailing Address | | | |
| City State Zip Code County | | | |
| Home Phone | Cell Phone | | E-mail Address |
| COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM | | | |
| Please list your involvement in any community service and volunteer activities.  **Community Service or Volunteer Activity**   **Name of Organization | Event**  Hours Per Week Grade(s) Participated  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ꗃ 9th ꗃ 10th ꗃ 11th  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ꗃ 9th ꗃ 10th ꗃ 11th | | | |
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| **APPLICATION QUESTIONS** | | |
| Be as specific and complete as possible in answering the following questions. Please complete all areas in type or print legibly. Remember, incomplete applications may not be considered. **If necessary, please use a separate page and attach to the application.**  1. What do you hope to gain from the Youth Leadership Program? How do you think the Youth Leadership Program will help you to achieve your future goals?  2. What would you consider to be your strengths and weaknesses?    3. Tell us about an obstacle you have faced in your community. What steps did you take or are currently taking to overcome it (i.e. personal hardships, financial, educational, health, etc.) and if you haven't, what do you hope happens? | | |

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| LEADERSHIP AGREEMENT | | |
| I hereby certify that the facts contained in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Student (please print)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Student Signature Date  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Parent/Guardian (please print)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Parent/Guardian Signature Date | | |
| **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION** | | |
| **Online (PREFERRED METHOD)**:   * Please fill out and submit the application:https://forms.gle/PFaMti1qYDtfJYGZ7   **OR**  **By Mail:**   * Please mail the completed application to the below mailing address:   **Mailing Address:**  EcoWorks Detroit  **Attn: 2020 Youth Leadership Program**  22400 W. 7Mile Rd,  Detroit, Mi 48219 | | |