



TOMORROW'S LEADERS

FUTURES Foundation for  
Volusia County Schools

# 2020-2021

## Application Instructions

### Program Overview

Developed by the FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools, Tomorrow's Leaders is a leadership training program designed for high school juniors. Through a series of structured activities and events, Tomorrow's Leaders participants meet and interact with community leaders who share their thoughts, concerns and hopes about current issues, community resources and various factors impacting the future of Volusia County. Tomorrow's Leaders prepares students for constructive leadership, responsible citizenship and active participation in the affairs of Volusia County and beyond.

The six-month program begins in October with a mandatory orientation session for students and parents. Each month thereafter, students participate in a seminar focusing on a specific topic, such as the Arts, Criminal Justice, Social Services, Sports Marketing, Healthcare, Government and Education. During each seminar, students interact with community leaders who share insights on communication, time management, motivation, and other aspects of effective leadership.

Throughout the Tomorrow's Leaders program, students are challenged in their understanding and awareness of the complexities of relationships, teamwork and problem solving. Skills, perspectives and relationships gained during the program will help students set and achieve personal and professional goals, and better prepare them to assume leadership positions.

**Students needs to submit their applications to their principals by Wednesday, September 16.**

## **Criteria for Selection**

It is anticipated no more than 40 students from Volusia County's 10 public high schools will be selected to participate. Applicants must meet the following **minimum** requirements:

- Must be a junior enrolled at a Volusia County public high school
- Must be capable of making up any class work missed during five excused school absences to attend seminars or must arrange their own excused absences with college professors if dual enrolled
- Must demonstrate leadership potential and be self-reliant & responsible
- Must be able to meet the program time commitment
- Must have parental/guardian consent to participate
- Must have their application approved by their high school principal
- Must make their own travel arrangements to and from seminar's starting location (point-to-point transportation during seminars will be provided on a Volusia County School District bus or charter bus). Due to the coronavirus pandemic and social distancing guidelines, the current plan includes 3 virtual half-day seminars (November through January) and two in-person full day seminars (February & March) with social distancing guidelines enforced. This is subject to change pending pandemic updates.
- Must agree to abide by social distancing and pandemic requirements which may include the wearing of a mask or face covering, not provided by FUTURES
- Must have access to technology and internet for virtual sessions

## **Criteria for Completion**

To successfully complete the Tomorrow's Leaders program, participants must:

- Attend the **mandatory** Orientation session on **Monday, Oct. 26, 2020, from 5 to 7 p.m.** in the Auditorium at Mainland High School in Daytona Beach
- Participate in each of our day-long seminars. The dates are: November 4, December 2, January 7, February 9 and March 9. The times for each of these days would be approximately 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please ensure that you will be available on these dates. A detailed schedule for each seminar will be given to the students at Orientation
- Complete 12 hours of school-based and/or community-based volunteer service during the program (*requirement subject to change due to the current pandemic*)
- Complete and submit evaluation forms following each seminar
- Submit a reflective essay at the conclusion of the program
- Attend the **mandatory** Graduation Reception Celebration **Monday, April 19, 2021 from 5 to 7 p.m.** in the Auditorium at DeLand High School