

High school freshmen and sophomores: are you ready to lead?



Apply to be a part of Youth Lead Charlotte-Mecklenburg. The civic leadership program enables teens to learn about the community, meet students from other schools and backgrounds, and develop knowledge and skills needed by a new generation of Charlotte-Mecklenburg leaders. It's fun, engaging, educational, and exciting!

- Who?** Mecklenburg County students in grades 9-10 who demonstrate leadership in school and/or community activities and are interested in learning more about the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community, civic issues, and how to make a difference.
- When?** January-April 2016
Applications due November 30, 2015
- Where?** Program sessions are centrally located in downtown Charlotte. Free CATS/LYNX passes and carpool ideas are available to assist with transportation.

Learn more and apply

www.GenerationNation.org/index.php/YouthLeadCLT

Youth Lead Charlotte-Mecklenburg is a program of GenerationNation.

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What is Youth Lead Charlotte-Mecklenburg?

The program enables high school students to develop increased awareness about the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community, meet students from other schools and backgrounds, and develop knowledge and skills needed by a new generation of Charlotte-Mecklenburg leaders. Through interactive, engaging, and educational sessions and activities, emerging leaders will:

- Learn how the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community and local governments work.
- Explore important civic issues, and how citizens and leaders collaborate to solve them.
- Build a network of young civic leaders from diverse backgrounds and different high schools.
- Develop knowledge, interests, and skills needed for college, career, and civic life.

Eligibility

Youth Leadership Charlotte-Mecklenburg is open to Mecklenburg County students in grades 9-10. Interested students should:

- Demonstrate leadership in school and/or community activities.
- Express an interest in learning more about the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community, civic issues, and how to make a difference.
- Commit to participation in all YLCM activities

When is the program? Where?

The YLCM Class of 2016 program will take January-April 2016 in downtown Charlotte. There will be approximately 2 program sessions each month.

- Sessions will be a mix of early evening programs and a few weekday activities (you will receive an excused educational absence for any time out of class).
- Program sessions are located at different locations in downtown Charlotte.
- Free CATS/LYNX passes are available to help with transportation.
- A full schedule, directions, and activity information will be provided.

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Program Requirements

The success of this program depends on YOU. As a participant, you are expected to:

- Attend all sessions and participate in all activities.
- Make arrangements for any school, activities, or work you may miss as a result of your participation in YLCM. (You will receive assistance with any educational excused absences).
- Be on time, be prepared, and pay attention.
- Look for opportunities to gain new perspectives and meet new friends.
- Regularly update your school leadership about your involvement in this program.
- After completing the YLCM program, participants join the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council as student leaders who advise community leaders and play an active role in helping to plan strategies and solve challenges facing our community and schools.

How to apply

- Submit an application online by November 30, 2015. Apply here: <http://bit.ly/YLCMapp>
- The cost to participate in YLCM is \$30. This fee is due after acceptance to the program. *Scholarships are available.*
- Application review and interviews will be conducted by members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council, GenerationNation, and community volunteers.
- Participants will be selected based on interest, civic leadership potential, and representation by a diverse group of students and each Mecklenburg high school.
- For questions and more information, contact Amy Farrell at info@generationnation.org or 704-343-6999.