

# Youth Leadership Program

The Youth Leadership Program is a partnership between the Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools. This program was established to help young students in middle and high school understand the link between local government and their everyday lives. The Program is designed to educate and motivate students to become engaged citizens and leaders in the community.

For more information:

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget/youth-leadership](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget/youth-leadership)

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## **Fairfax County Youth Leadership Program**



***For Fairfax County Public School Juniors***

*Preparing today's high school students to become tomorrow's community leaders*

*Sponsored by a partnership between  
Fairfax County Government and  
Fairfax County Public Schools*

*December 2020:*

*Due to the global pandemic, this Program will begin virtually and internships will only be offered if FCPS moves to in person instruction and health conditions improve*

## PROGRAM GOALS / INFORMATION

The goal of the **Fairfax County Youth Leadership Program (YLP)** is to help high school students gain an understanding and appreciation of how local government impacts their everyday lives. The curriculum and activities are designed to develop citizenship skills and encourage participants to become active, involved citizens.

Participants will learn how local government addresses community issues and helps people solve problems. They will meet key decision makers in government and gain insight into the services County government provides.

Through monthly meetings and a **paid summer internship (if conditions allow)**, participants will expand their knowledge of public service and their own community.

The Program will begin virtually and when conditions allow, most meetings will take place at:

Fairfax County Government Center  
12000 Government Center Parkway  
Fairfax, VA 22035

**Refreshments will be provided at each meeting.**

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## SCHEDULE

### Meeting Time: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

**February 8, 2021**—*Introduction to Fairfax County and Getting to Know the Youth Leadership Program Class of 2021-2022.*

**March 15, 2021**—*Education and Human Services - Part I.*

**April 12, 2021**— *Human Services Part II - Poverty Simulation.*

**May 17, 2021**—*The Budget: Expression of Community Priorities.*

**July 12-30, 2021**—*Summer internships.*  
**INTERNSHIPS WILL ONLY BE OFFERED IF HEALTH CONDITIONS IMPROVE.**

**September 13, 2021**—*Time for Fun: Cultural and Recreational Programs in Fairfax County.*

**October 18, 2021**—*The Judicial System and Public Safety.*

**November 15, 2021**—*Quality of Life: Land Use/ Environmental Services.*

**January 24, 2022**—*Graduation of the Class of 2021-2022.*

**Due to COVID-19, this Program will begin virtually and internships will be dependent on health conditions and FCPS status. The above Schedule may be altered to accommodate FCPS distance learning.**

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

**ASSIGNMENTS:** Students will be asked to provide feedback and reflections after each meeting. Students **may** be required to present their knowledge of local government to 8th grade civics classes near the conclusion of the program.

**ATTENDANCE:** Students may have only one absence from monthly meetings during the year to qualify for graduation.

**INTERNSHIPS:** Students participating in the Youth Leadership Program will work at a **three-week paid summer internship** (If conditions allow) in a County Department.

- **Students will earn \$1,000 for completion of the internship.**
- During these internships, student interns will be expected to arrive promptly at work each day, complete work assignments, and wear suitable attire for a business office setting.
- Internship assignments have often included the following Departments: County Attorney, FCPS, Parks, Community Centers, Sheriff, Public Safety Center, and Board Member offices.
- **Please note that the dates of the internship directly conflict with the Governor's School Program. Students are unable to participate in both programs.**

**TRANSPORTATION:** Students are responsible for arranging transportation to monthly meetings and to the summer internship assignment.

**CANCELLATION OF MEETINGS:** If afternoon activities are cancelled by Fairfax County Public Schools, the Youth Leadership Program meeting scheduled that day will also be cancelled.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### Board of Supervisors:

*Chairman, At-Large:* **Jeff C. McKay**  
Braddock District: **James R. Walkinshaw**  
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Providence District: **Karl Frisch**  
Springfield District: **Laura Jane Cohen**  
Sully District, *Vice Chairman:*  
**Stella Pekarsky**

**Applications are due by November 13, 2020.**

All applications should be submitted at:

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcylp](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcylp)

Please contact us with any questions at:

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