

Youth Leadership Program

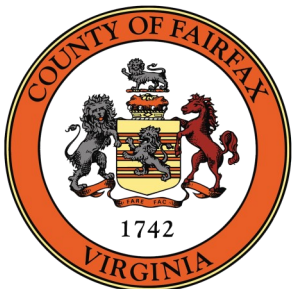
The Youth Leadership Program is a partnership between the Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools. This program was established to help young students in middle and high school understand the link between local government and their everyday lives. The Program is designed to educate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

For more information:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget/youth-leadership

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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*

September 2021:

It is anticipated that the Program will begin in person. Should FCPS move to distance learning and/or health conditions deteriorate due to the pandemic, the Program will switch to virtual sessions and the internships will not be offered.

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.

It is anticipated that the Program will begin in person, and 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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It is anticipated that the Program will begin in person. The internships will be dependent on health conditions and FCPS status. The above Schedule may be altered to accommodate FCPS distance learning if needed.

SCHEDULE

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

February 9, 2022: *Introduction to Fairfax County and Getting to Know the Youth Leadership Program Class of 2022-2023*

March 16, 2022: *Education and Human Services - Part I*

April 13, 2022: *Human Services Part II - Poverty Simulation*

May 18, 2022: *The Budget - Expression of Community Priorities.*

July 11-29, 2022: *Summer internships*
INTERNSHIPS ARE DEPENDANT ON FCPS STATUS AND HEALTH CONDITIONS

September 14, 2022: *Time for Fun-Cultural and Recreational Programs*

October 19, 2022: *The Judicial System and Public Safety*

November 16, 2022: *Quality of Life-Land Use/ Environmental Services*

January 25, 2023: *Graduation of the Class of 2022-2023*

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

ASSIGNMENTS: Students will be asked to provide feedback and reflections after meetings. 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

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Applications are due by November 5, 2021.

All applications should be submitted at:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcylp

Please contact us with any questions at:

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