

BRISTOL YOUTH LEADERSHIP



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# MISSION

## **Bristol Youth Leadership (BYL)**

Bristol Youth Leadership operates under the notion that ALL young people have the potential to make a positive impact in their communities. Through this program, we hope to inspire students to step into their roles as the next generation of leaders and community trustees.

# What is Bristol Youth Leadership?

Bristol Youth Leadership is a 9-month leadership training program designed to empower local high school sophomores and juniors in the Bristol community.

## What will you learn?

Students will learn valuable skills to enhance competence in the following areas: leadership, communication, business ethics, community awareness, interview etiquette, post-graduation preparation and job professionalism. By engaging with youth from diverse schools and backgrounds in such a meaningful way, BYL fosters both professional and personal development.

## How will you learn?

BYL takes a hands-on approach to learning. You will have ample opportunities to interact with numerous community leaders and guest speakers. Additionally, you will visit and tour several community businesses, schools, and venues.

## Who will you meet?

In addition to peers from the Home-schooled community, Abingdon High, Cornerstone, John S. Battle, Sullivan East, Tennessee High, Virginia High, and West Ridge, you will meet many business and community leaders. These are valuable relationships that will assist you in the future.





## Highlighted Benefits

- Resume builder
- New friendships
- Increased comfort with communication
- Leadership skills
- Community and personal awareness
- Interview experience
- Professionalism
- College preparation and exposure
- Opportunity to receive 2 college credits from King University
- Earned community service hours
- Job Shadowing

## Community Service Projects

In order to increase community awareness of our participants, Bristol Youth Leadership requires students to complete an assigned Community Service Project. This project allows students to work alongside local agencies and nonprofit organizations to fulfill a specific need. The criteria for each project include research, planning of various events, participation in community activities and a final group presentation.

## College Credit

Through a partnership with King University, students are given the opportunity to receive two college credits. In order to receive credits, the student will complete two mini-assignments and two three-page papers. All assignments should be turned in by their assigned due dates.

## Expectations

- Respectful manners and nothing short of exemplary behavior
- Attend opening retreat and graduation
- Attend monthly class sessions
- Two excused absences are permitted with advanced approval

**Students must meet the requirements listed above in order to graduate from the program. The BYL Executive Committee will review each situation and make a decision regarding continued participation in the program, should the need arise.**

## Criteria

- Completed application
- Two reference submissions
- Parental permission & school approval

## Selection Process

- Applications will not be considered unless ALL information listed under the criteria section is submitted.
- Suggested references: Teacher, Counselor, Youth Leader, Employer, etc.
- The Bristol Youth Leadership Executive Committee will review completed applications submitted by the deadline.
- Interviews will be scheduled in the summer for consideration of placement into the upcoming BYL Class.
- If accepted, a tuition fee of \$100 will be required.
- Scholarships are available.



# Apply Today!!



[Bristol Youth Leadership Student Application Link](#)