



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the commitment?

Leadership U is a four-month program and consists of the following components:

- A week-long summer program of team building, leadership skills development, tours of county facilities and identification of issues affecting youth in Howard County.
- A fall session focusing on community service projects created and implemented by the students.
- Program cost: \$1,050. Tuition assistance is available, which **must be** requested at the time of application. Payment plans are available.
- Schedule of Key 2023 Program Dates will be published soon.

Who participates?

Leadership U is open to high school juniors who live or attend school in Howard County. Students may attend public or private schools. Home-schooled students are also welcome. To be considered, students must apply during their sophomore year.

Students must have a desire to learn about their community and a willingness to volunteer. LU's a fantastic way to meet new people from different schools who share similar interests in knowing more about their community and who want to make a positive impact.

What is the schedule?

The program kicks off in July with daily team-building sessions and learning activities and continues with bi-monthly fall meetings. The Leadership U schedule works for many busy students, even those who have fall sports or other activities. Summer Week 2023 will be held Sunday, July 30 (beginning late afternoon) and run through Friday, August 4, 2023. *A complete list of program dates will be published soon.*

After Graduation

Leadership U graduates are encouraged to remain involved in the program by acting as student mentors to new Leadership U students and by spearheading their own community activities following graduation. LU graduates often continue their community service through active volunteering, school leadership roles, and advisory board positions. In the past, students have served on the Howard County Commission for Women, Student Member of the Howard County Board of Education, the Police Advisory Board, Howard County Public School System Advisory Groups, #One Howard, and various nonprofit boards. These student leaders provide a valuable youth perspective in these unique roles. LU graduates also have participated in internships with the Howard County Government (including the County Executive's Office), Howard County Council, and the Maryland Center for Entrepreneurship. Many have also found their expanded leadership capabilities valuable as they transition to college and other future endeavors.