



Leadership U Class of 2023 Talking Points

Leadership U (LU)

- Kick off recruitment for LU Class of 2023 from now through the end of March!
- Unique 4-month experiential leadership development and community service program available to current high school sophomores who either live or attend school in Howard County.
- The LU Program runs from July 30 - December 7.
- Students may attend public school, private school or be homeschooled. Our goal is to have a culturally diverse representation from all 12 public schools with a variety of students.
- 50 students are accepted (25 males and 25 females) and 80-115 students apply.
- Students must provide their own transportation – breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided.

Application

- All students submit an online application via the [LHC website](#), two references (one from school and one from out of school – no references from family members, please); reference forms may also be accessed through LHC's website.. Depending on the number of applicants, students may or may not be selected for an interview based on the evaluation of the application.
- Applications and References - due March 31.
- Interviews will occur in a panel setting, in-person at the LHC offices located at 6760 Alexander Bell Drive, Suite 260, Columbia, MD 21046.
- Notified of acceptance by mid-May.
- Welcome Reception to meet the class and parents will be held in early June.

Benefits

- Build confidence!
- Raise awareness of self and strengths and weaknesses to help you work better with peers and adults.
- Strengthen leadership, teamwork, decision-making, collaboration, critical thinking, taking initiative, creativity, time management, communication, and problem solving skills. All necessary 21st century skills for college and career readiness!
- Build your professional network by meeting so many community leaders, business leaders, & non-profit leaders.
- Implement your own student-led project to make a difference in your local community.



- Make so many new friends from all around the county that they would never had met before.
- Students have fun and “learn by doing” in a safe, non-threatening environment with no grades.

Program Info

- Two parts – *mandatory* summer week July 30 – August 4 to learn about the HoCo Community. Must attend every day, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
- Subjects include team building, health and human services, diversity and inclusion, government, economic development, criminal justice, and leadership skills workshops.
- The second part of LU is Community Service Project – plan, implement and report on a student-driven community service project for a topic of their choosing.
- Seven student teams are created with 6-8 students on each team.
- Meet for nine Sundays from 2 to 4:30pm from August – December. Sunday program dates are TBA and will be finalized before the interview dates.
- Adult Mentors are assigned to each student team to help facilitate and help them connect to community resources.
- Programs end with graduation in December where the teams present their projects to families, school administrators and community leaders.

Tuition

- 2023 tuition-\$1050 for the 4-month program.
- Tuition fees should never be an obstacle to applying to LU. If you apply and are accepted, we will help with tuition scholarships, if needed.
- Tuition assistance is available through our endowment and numerous sponsors. No FARMS requirement.
- Tuition assistance form is on the website and should be submitted with application.
- Payment plan to pay tuition over three months is available for everyone.

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