



LEADERSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM 2015-2016

Our community-based Leadership Program provides a fun, safe and challenging experience for high school juniors to develop their leadership skills, explore potential careers, learn about the issues and challenges facing our communities, meet the leaders of the organizations working to address them, and learn how to participate.

Applicants will be selected based on this application, two reference forms and an interview. Our goal is to create a group that will not only benefit from the experience, but will contribute to both the TLT program and to their communities.

To apply, please answer each of the following questions legibly using blue or black ink. In addition to the completed application, you will need the following:

- Signatures from you and your parent/guardian (see Expectations & Commitments page)
- Approval from your school principal to participate in the program (Expectations & Commitments)
- Reference forms completed by two different adults (forms included with this application packet)

All forms will be handled in the strictest confidence. If you need additional application forms, please visit the TLT website: www.tomorrowsleaderstoday.org or call 707-284-8201, or lauren@tomorrowsleaderstoday.org

**APPLICATION PACKETS CAN BE TURNED IN TO MS. ELLIOTT'S CLASS (ROOM 3).
ALL APPLICATION PACKETS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, APRIL 24th.**

Applicant Information

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Name you prefer to be called _____

Home phone(s) _____ Applicant Cell Phone: _____

Applicant E-mail address _____

Mailing Address _____
(number) (street) (city) (zip code)

Date of birth _____ Gender _____ Race or Ethnicity _____
(optional)

School _____ Current year (grade) in school _____

Which TLT class are you applying for? _____ West (West Sonoma County Union HS District students)
_____ Santa Rosa _____ North (Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Windsor) _____ South (Petaluma Area)

Parent/Guardian Information Language spoken at home _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

E-mail: _____ E-mail: _____

Cell phone: _____ Cell phone: _____



Applicant Questions

1. Choose three words to describe yourself. _____

Then write about an experience or activity that shows these qualities in action.

2. What are your primary interests and activities? _____

3. Tell us about a personal accomplishment that makes you proud. _____

4. Describe a challenging experience. How did you handle it and what did you learn? _____

5. Describe any work experience (paid or volunteer) that you have had, including what you did and anything you gained/learned from it. _____



6. Describe your family and any unique qualities and experiences that make you who you are. _____

7. From your own experience and knowledge, what does a good leader look like and do? _____

8. Why are you applying for TLT and what do you want to gain from the program? _____

9. What community issue(s) would you like to learn more about? _____



Reference Provider Information

Please submit this form with your application so the TLT Class Coordinator knows who will be providing references on your behalf.

Applicant Name _____ School _____

Your Reference Providers May Include:

1. Any school teacher, counselor, advisor or coach;
2. Any other adult **who knows you well**, other than your parent(s) or relatives(s) – for example: a church leader, employer, scout leader or family friend.

Reference Provider Name _____

School/Firm/Organization _____

Relationship _____

Phone Number _____ email _____

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Completed Reference Forms Can Be Submitted In Two Ways:

- You may give your reference provider the form to fill out and ask them to return it to you in a sealed envelope for you to turn in with your application by April 22nd (preferred)

OR

- You may give them the form and upon its completion have them mail it directly to:

TLT

Attention: Santa Rosa / North / South / West Coordinator (choose the appropriate class)

P.O. Box 1731

Santa Rosa, CA 95402.

ALL Reference Forms MUST BE RECEIVED by April 24th, 2015

Additional Reference Forms can be downloaded from www.tomorrowleaderstoday.org – click the “References” tab.



Scholarship Application (Optional) Complete ONLY if you are requesting assistance with tuition.

Tomorrow's Leaders Today is committed to ensuring that qualified young people can participate regardless of their family's ability to pay tuition. For that reason we have established a scholarship fund and award financial assistance based on need.

A \$50 non-refundable deposit must be paid by all TLT students upon ACCEPTANCE into the program. In addition, TLT tuition is \$600, which helps to offset the costs of staff time and materials required to operate the program. Tuition can be paid in one, two or four installments, but must be paid completely by December 1st.

TLT offers scholarships of \$100 to \$600. Scholarships are awarded based on family income, size and other factors related to a family's ability to pay, as well as the financial assistance funds available.

To apply, please complete the following questions. **Your responses will be completely confidential and not shared with anyone outside of TLT including your child, schools, or any individuals or organizations.**

Student Name: _____ School: _____

Dollar amount of assistance requested (maximum \$600): _____

What is your family's annual total income? \$ _____ (include child support, alimony, and aid)

How many people (dependents) live on that income? _____

Does the student qualify for free or reduced price lunch at school? _____

Does the student's family qualify for any aid (e.g. CalFRESH, CalWORKS, TANF, SSI) Please list type and ANNUAL amount of aid: _____

Please provide reasons for your request including any other special circumstances. You may attach an additional page if needed. _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Best way to contact: _____ Language spoken: _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct. I understand that completing this form does not guarantee that TLT will be able to award the requested financial assistance.

Name _____ Signature _____

Acceptance packets will be sent out in May, and will include the amount of scholarship you were awarded.

Please submit this Scholarship Application by April 24th, 2015 with your application packet. NO LATE scholarship application forms can be considered.



Expectations and Commitments Page

Applicant Name: _____ School: _____

Expectations

Successful completion of the TLT program – and fully benefiting from it – requires student commitment (and family support) to:

Attend: a full-day retreat held on a Saturday in August/September, and at least 6 of the 7 program days held on school days. School attendance credit is granted if students complete the Reflection (see below).

Other TLT program activities include: a short evening Orientation in August, a Day of Service (typically a Saturday morning), 8 hours of community service, and a graduation ceremony. Accommodations for students' individual schedules can be discussed with the Coordinator of their class.

Reflect: a short homework assignment due approximately a week after each program day, and a final paper, are required for program completion.

Communicate: students must communicate via email with their Coordinator and classmates on a regular basis.

Commitments

Student: I commit to meeting the program expectations outlined above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: I am aware of these program expectations and will support my student applicant to meet and complete them. I also understand that there is a **deposit and tuition cost** for this program and that **we can apply for a scholarship**, using the **Scholarship Application form** included in this packet.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Principal: I understand these TLT Program expectations and will support the applicant's full participation in the program, if s/he is selected.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Completed Application Checklist: Due by April 22nd, 2015

- Applicant Information (1 page)
- Applicant Questions (2 pages)
- Reference Provider Information (1 page)
- Scholarship Application Form (1 page – **only if you are applying for assistance with tuition**)
- Expectations & Commitments (1 page)

Submit Completed Applications to:

**MS. ELLIOTT'S CLASS
ROOM 3**



REFERENCE FORM

Applicant Name _____ School _____

Class: _____ North (Windsor, Healdsburg, Cloverdale) _____ South (Petaluma) _____ Santa Rosa
_____ West (students in the West Sonoma County Union High School District service area)

To the Reference Provider:

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Please help us determine if this student is ready to benefit from the experience AND will contribute to both the TLT program and to his/her community. Please respond to each question in the space provided. The information will remain confidential and will be used for selection purposes only. The selection committee is grateful for your time and effort in providing this reference. Please see below for instructions on how to return this reference form.

Questions??? Please contact the coordinator of the class your student is applying to:

North Class

Chris Pack

chris@tomorrowsleaderstoday.org

South Class

Georgia Pedgrift

georgia@tomorrowsleaderstoday.org

West and Santa Rosa Classes

Lauren Taylor

lauren@tomorrowsleaderstoday.org

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Position/Title: _____

School/Firm/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

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1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

2. What do you consider to be the applicant's primary talents or strengths? _____

3. What do you think are the applicant's greatest areas for growth? _____

4. Please rate the applicant on each of the following (with 1 = strongly disagree and 10 = strongly agree)

Is curious and interested in how the community/world works

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Is humble, and has a genuine desire to improve his/her leadership abilities

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Works well with others

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Follows through on commitments, and completes what s/he starts

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Would benefit greatly from this experience

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

5. Any other comments about this applicant, and the particular perspective s/he would bring to the program?

Signature of Reference

Date