

Mission: To cultivate and nurture the hidden leadership qualities that exist in all youth within the Salem-Keizer communities.

Program Description:
Leadership Youth will positively inspire, motivate and encourage youth to take command of their future, and that of their community. Through their involvement in the first year, youth will receive a comprehensive overview of the Salem-Keizer area … its realities, opportunities and challenges; meet face to face with recognized community leaders and decision makers; and receive an introduction to community resources by way of tours, panels and speakers. Each of the nine one-day sessions focuses on a different theme such as leadership; community history and culture; natural resources; business and commerce; education; human resources; legal systems; government; and a community project.

During the second year, youth serve on a community board while being paired with a community mentor. The formal mentor relationship helps the student become accustomed to the rules, norms and expectations of a community leader. As a result, the student will gain insight to community issues, needs and challenges.

The knowledge and experience that youth gain will impact their lives and enable them to grow and become involved in helping to shape a positive future for the Salem-Keizer area.

Selection Process:
Students may be nominated by school staff or by self-nomination by contacting his/her high school counselor.

Student Expectations:
Students will not be excused from regular classwork and must prearrange with their teachers to make up work. Students must attend all sessions. During the second year of the program, students must complete a final paper or presentation and attend one community board meeting per month.

Cost:
There is no cost to the student for participation in Leadership Youth because of the generous contributions of our Coordinating Organizations, Program Sponsors and Partners.
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<td>Mandatory Orientation</td>
<td>Program overview and expectations</td>
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<td>7:00-8:00 PM</td>
<td>Student &amp; Parent/Guardian</td>
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<td>September 26, 2018</td>
<td>You're On Our Team!</td>
<td>An introduction to the program, discussion of goals and team building.</td>
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<td>October 3, 2018</td>
<td>In The Beginning...</td>
<td>A look at Salem &amp; Keizer's past and present, the multi-cultural community and the arts.</td>
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<td>November 7, 2018</td>
<td>It's Your Business...</td>
<td>The industries and companies that drive the area economy.</td>
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<td>December 5, 2018</td>
<td>Respect Your Resources</td>
<td>Water, timber, agriculture and energy.</td>
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<td>January 9, 2019</td>
<td>What's Your Verdict?</td>
<td>Examining the challenges of the judicial system.</td>
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<td>February 6, 2019</td>
<td>Service Above Self</td>
<td>Non-profit social services organizations and community heroes on the front-line.</td>
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<td>March 6, 2019</td>
<td>It's All Politics...Or Is It?</td>
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<td>April 3, 2019</td>
<td>Education in Action</td>
<td>Transition from school to work.</td>
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<td>May 1, 2019</td>
<td>Making It Happen!</td>
<td>Completion of class community project.</td>
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<td>September 2018–</td>
<td>Community Board Service</td>
<td>Serve as a youth representative for a community based organization, advisory council, or committee.</td>
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<td>May/June 2020</td>
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<td>April 21, 2020</td>
<td>Graduation Luncheon Noon-1:30</td>
<td>Recognition Celebration: Stand up and be recognized as graduates of the Leadership Youth program.</td>
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**TIMES:** All monthly program times are typically scheduled for 7:45 am – 2:45 pm. If different, you will be notified in advance.

**Contact Information:** Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, Kathy Moore, Chief Development Officer, CEO, the Inspire Foundation  
kathy@inspiresalem.org (503) 581-1466 x316

**LOCATION:** Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, 1110 Commercial St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

**Coordinating Organizations:** The Inspire Foundation, the Executive Leadership Council, Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, Keizer Chamber of Commerce, Salem Keizer School District

**Program Sponsors/Partners:** The Inspire Foundation, Executive Leadership Council, Blanchet Catholic School, Don Pancho Authentic Mexican Foods

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CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION

A program designed to cultivate and nurture the hidden leadership qualities that exist in all youth within the Salem - Keizer communities.

- Applications are due by April 26th, 2018
- All applicants will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance by May 30th, 2018

**Personal Data**

(please print clearly in INK)

Full Name: _______________________________ Date: _______________________________

(name as you would like it to appear on your name tag)

Home/Mailing Address:

Street
City
State
Zip

E-mail Address: _______________________________ Employer:

Home Phone: ____________________________ Cell: ____________________________ Work Phone: ____________________________

High School: _______________________________ Grade Next Year: _______________________________

**During Your Life, What Have You Been Involved In That Has Brought You The Most Satisfaction? Why?**

**What Type Of Community Activity Do You Think You Would Enjoy, But Have Not Had The Opportunity To Experience? Please Explain.**

What Are Your Plans After High School?
If You Could Make One Major Contribution To This World, What Would You Do? Why?

If You Could Make One Major Change at your School, What Would It Be? Why?

**Mandatory Essay:** On a separate sheet, in 200 words or less, please explain: Why would you like to participate in Leadership Youth? What would you gain from this experience and what would you pass on to others from this experience?

**Student Commitment:** I understand the purpose of the Leadership Youth program and if I am selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the two-year program. Even though emergencies do arise, I understand that any participant missing more than one session will be dropped from the program.

Student Signature: ___________________________ Date:

**Parent/Guardian Approval:** I approve this application for Leadership Youth. I understand that if selected, ____________ will be released from school one day each month to participate in activities throughout the community during the first year of the program. During the second year, he/she will serve on a community board. I also understand that all Salem/Keizer School District policies regarding transportation, photos, student conduct and supervision will be followed during each session.

Printed Name of Student: ___________________________ Student Signature:

Student Cell Phone: ___________________________ E-mail for Student:

Parent Printed Name: ___________________________ Parent Signature:

Parent Phone: ___________________________ Parent E-mail Address:

Date: ___________________________ Mailing Address: ___________________________

Please Return This Application to your
High School Counselor or to The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, 1110 Commercial St NE. Salem, Oregon 97301-1020

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