



TOMORROW'S LEADERS

FUTURES Foundation for
Volusia County Schools

2024-2025

Application Instructions

Program Overview

Developed by FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools, Tomorrow's Leaders is a leadership training program designed for high school juniors. Through a series of structured activities and events, Tomorrow's Leaders participants meet and interact with community leaders who share their thoughts, concerns and hopes about current issues, community resources and various factors impacting the future of Volusia County. Tomorrow's Leaders prepares students for constructive leadership, responsible citizenship and active participation in the affairs of Volusia County and beyond.

The six-month program begins in October with a mandatory orientation session for students and parents. Each month thereafter, students participate in a seminar focusing on a specific topic, such as the Arts, Criminal Justice, Social Services, Sports Marketing, Manufacturing, Entrepreneurship, Healthcare, Government, Ethics, and Education. During each seminar, students interact with community leaders who share insights on communication, time management, motivation, and other aspects of effective leadership.

Throughout the Tomorrow's Leaders program, students are challenged in their understanding and awareness of the complexities of relationships, teamwork and problem solving. Skills, perspectives and relationships gained during the program will help students set and achieve personal and professional goals, and better prepare them to assume leadership positions.

**Students need to submit their applications to their principals by Friday, September 6.
Please check with your principals to find out what time it is due.**

Criteria for Selection

It is anticipated no more than 40 students from Volusia County's public high schools will be selected to participate. Applicants must meet the following **minimum** requirements:

- Must be a junior enrolled at a Volusia County public high school
- Must be capable of making up any class work missed during five excused school absences to attend seminars
- Must arrange their own excused absences with college professors if dual enrolled
- Must demonstrate leadership potential
- Must be self-reliant & responsible
- Must be able to meet the program time commitment
- Must have parental/guardian consent to participate
- Must have their application approved by their high school principal
- Must make their own travel arrangements to and from seminar's starting location (point-to-point transportation during seminars will be provided on a Volusia County School District bus)
- Must agree to abide by entrance guidelines at seminar host sites

Criteria for Completion

To successfully complete the Tomorrow's Leaders program, participants must:

- Attend the **mandatory** Orientation session on **Monday, Oct. 28, 2024, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.** at Mainland High School's Multipurpose Room.
- Participate in each of our day-long seminars. The dates are: **Thursday, November 7; Wednesday, December 4; Thursday, January 9; Wednesday, February 12 and Tuesday, March 4.** The times for each of these days will be approximately 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please ensure that you will be available on all these dates. A confirmed & detailed schedule for each seminar will be given to the students at Orientation.
- Complete 12 hours of school-based and/or community-based volunteer service during the program.
- Complete and submit evaluation forms following each seminar.
- Submit a reflective essay at the conclusion of the program.
- Attend the **mandatory** Graduation Celebration **Monday, April 14, 2025, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.** at DeLand High School.

For any questions related to this information, please contact us by emailing futuresfoundation@volusia.k12.fl.us or calling us at 386-255-6475 ext. 50728