



# 2026-2027

## Application Instructions

### **Program Overview**

Developed by the FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools and inspired by local Chamber Leadership programs, Tomorrow's Leaders is a leadership development program for high school juniors, offered through a competitive application process.

Over five months, selected students participate in interactive seminars and real-world experiences, connecting with community leaders who share insights on issues shaping Volusia County. Monthly sessions explore topics such as healthcare, government, education, entrepreneurship, and the arts, while building key leadership skills like communication, collaboration, and time management.

The program begins with a required October orientation for students and parents. Throughout the six full day seminars, participants strengthen critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities. The program ends in March with a group project and a graduation ceremony, celebrating the achievements of these selected students.

Tomorrow's Leaders prepares students for responsible citizenship, active community involvement, and future leadership roles.

**The application is available for download at: <https://bit.ly/VolusiaTomorrowsLeaders>**  
**Students need to submit their typed applications to their principals by September 4.**  
**Check with principals to find out what time it is due.**

## **Eligibility & Selection**

Up to 40 students from Volusia County public high schools will be selected through a competitive application process. Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Be a high school junior enrolled in a Volusia County public school
- Demonstrate leadership potential, responsibility, and self-reliance
- Be able to meet the program's time commitment
- Obtain parent/guardian consent to participate
- Receive approval from their high school principal

Students must also be able to manage six excused school absences for seminars and make up all missed work. Dual-enrolled students are responsible for coordinating absences with their college instructors.

Participants must arrange their own transportation to seminar start locations. District transportation is provided during seminar days. All students are expected to follow guidelines set by seminar host sites.

## **Criteria for Completion**

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

- Attend the **mandatory** Orientation session on **Oct. 29, 2026, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** at Deltona High's Learning Commons.
- Participate in each of our day-long seminars. The dates are: **Wednesday, November 4; Thursday, December 3; Thursday, January 7; Wednesday, February 3; Tuesday, March 9; and Wednesday, March 31.** 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 & present group project on the assigned topic.
- Attend the **mandatory** Graduation Celebration **Monday, April 26, 2027, evening, location TBD.**

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