

youth LEADERSHIP *miami*

Youth Leadership Miami (YLM) is a program targeted to sophomores, juniors and seniors who are in good standing scholastically and attend either public or private high schools located in Miami-Dade County. This exciting and fun program is patterned after the highly successful and widely recognized Leadership Miami program. YLM brings together young people from different backgrounds and experiences, to gain knowledge and explore issues affecting Greater Miami's youth and our community at large. In addition, leadership and personal development is an integral part of the YLM experience.



“a first class, high quality, informational and skill building event for these youths. Thank you for allowing my daughter to participate” – Parent

The morning session of Day Two of the YLM conference includes a wide variety of speakers -- community leaders, government officials and prominent business executives – who will share their individual views on leadership and our community. YLM participants will break for lunch and spend the afternoon session in smaller teams discovering their own individual leadership style. The YLM conference will end with an energetic motivational speaker.

“the courage this leadership activity has empowered me with, to step beyond my comfort zone just a little every time, and eventually, I will be embarking on things I never even thought about”

– Student in the 2003 Founding Class

YLM is a two-day conference. Day One will kick-off the conference with the exciting Team Ropes Adventure Challenge. This unique series of activities are focused on team members working together to solve structured problems in an outdoor setting. The adventure activities promote leadership, respect, communication, problem-solving, decision-making, and conflict resolution. In addition, personal achievement and understanding of individual strengths and weaknesses are a vital part of the Adventure Challenge.



The following biographical information is requested from all applicants. This program is for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Please print the information and attach additional sheets if needed. Please forward applications to the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, 1601 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33132, Attn: Liane Ventura.

SCHOOL SECTION

Student's Name _____

School _____

Principal's Name _____

Counselor's Name _____

School Address _____

School Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Please attach a passport size head and shoulders photograph here. Be sure to put your name on the back of the photo. Do not glue or staple the photo.

PERSONAL SECTION

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____ Home Language _____

How long have you lived in Miami-Dade County? _____

Please check the appropriate information listed below:

Male

Female

White non-Hispanic

Hispanic

Other

Black non-Hispanic

American Indian

Asian/Pacific Islander

Hobbies/Special Interests _____

Do you require special needs? Explain _____

How did you learn about this program? _____

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES SECTION

List in order of importance to you, any school, civic, community, political, professional, religious, or other organization in which you are currently or have recently been involved.

Organization	Membership Dates	Position Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Do you hold a leadership role within one of the organizations listed? If so, describe how you demonstrated leadership.

COMMUNITY ISSUES

In your opinion, what are the most pressing issues facing Miami-Dade County today and what would you propose in order to address one of these problems? _____

In your opinion, what are the most pressing concerns affecting today's youth and what would you propose in order to address one of these concerns? _____

What specific skills/knowledge do you hope to gain as a participant? _____

What contributions do you feel you could make to the Youth Leadership Miami program? _____

 In your own, unique way, tell us/show us "What Miami Means to Me". (Acceptable formats: essay, audio/video tape, web page, scrapbook, artistic display, etc.)

PARENTAL APPROVAL SECTION

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address (if different from student's) _____

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Emergency Contact (please list the name(s) of someone that can be contacted in case you cannot be reached, relation to student, and telephones) _____

I/We (parent/guardian) allow our child, _____, a student at _____, to participate in the Youth Leadership Miami program. I/We will make every effort to insure that he/she attends both days by providing transportation to and from the sessions. I/We also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Miami, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and their respective officers, directors, trustees, employees, representatives, agents, successors, and assignees, from any and all claims and liabilities of my child, myself, or anyone else may have for any injuries, illness or other damages whatsoever, including, without limitation, injuries to my child, myself and/or property, arising out of or incident to my child's participation in Youth Leadership Miami.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE SIGNED

GENERAL INFORMATION

This program will require your attendance both days. You are fully aware of the time commitment that will be required as a participant in this program and will abide by those requirements and fully participate in the program to the best of your abilities.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

All applicants are subject to a confidential evaluation. All applicants will be notified in writing whether or not they have been selected.