

APPLICATION

Class of 2016–17

Leadership Academy Activities

Hand-selected from Washington County high schools, the **Leadership Academy** class of 25 students participate in an overnight Leadership Conference and monthly off-campus field trips with their peers, District and Academy Advisors, as well as industry leaders who share their knowledge and expertise for that day's topic. The monthly, 6-hour training sessions (*which take place during the school day from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. and are officially-excused by the District*) are called "Challenge Days." Students participate in interactive, hands-on activities as they network with local business professionals and learn to become successful contributors in their community. *See next page for list of Challenge Days and dates.*

Selection Criteria:

Students may apply on their own—or—can be nominated by their teachers, counselors, advisors, coaches or other mentors outside the school. Selection is based on:

- ✓ Student achievements
- ✓ Leadership potential
- ✓ Service to their community
- ✓ Commitment to program

Students are not required to hold a leadership position in their school to apply. Anyone who will be a Junior or Senior during the 2016-17 school year, and a 3.0 or higher GPA may participate. See application for more details.

An Exclusive Opportunity

Since there are so few openings and the costs to manage this top-notch program are great, your membership comes with accountability. Selected students are required to make Leadership Academy a top priority, and must fully attend all activities, including the out-of-town leadership conference in October. Students who attend college or participate in sports are asked to get approval from their teachers or coaches to attend all events prior to applying.

Benefits

Students who have participated in **Leadership Academy** have oft-times become their school's Sterling Scholars. That's because the program provides ample experiences to utilize in your application for scholarships, colleges, and job opportunities. The social responsibility project you are required to participate in provides our students leadership roles not usually available for youth, and the service provided will enrich your life . . . as well as the lives of others.

To Learn More...

Contact our school's Leadership Academy Advisor—or—the Counseling Office for more information. Additional information and applications can be downloaded from our website:

LeadershipAcademyUtah.com



Mission Statement: To keep our outstanding youth in the county, we strive to build community leaders through networking with business and current leaders who will mentor the students by educating them on the benefits of our area while preparing them for future leadership roles.

Date	Topic	Activities*
Tuesday, August 23*	Day #1: Student/Parent Orientation Night	Training & Get-to-Know-You Activities
M-T, September 26-27	Day #2: Pine Valley Leadership Conference	2-Day Overnight Bus Trip
Tuesday, October 25	Day #3: History & Diversity	Issues of Forebearers; Historic District
Thursday, November 17	Day #4: Business & Technology Day	Chamber of Commerce; Jubilee of Trees
Tuesday, January 24	Day #5: Justice	Purgatory Correctional Facility
Tuesday, February 28	Day #6: Economics & Infrastructure	Waste Treatment Plant; Local Business
Tuesday, March 28	Day #7: Social Responsibility	School Service Project Presentations
Tuesday, April 25	Day #8: Graduation	Ceremony; Luncheon with Parents

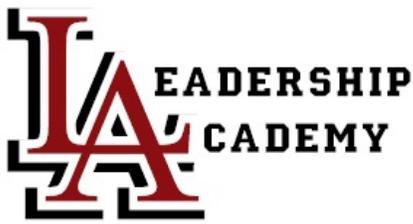
**Student/Parent Orientation takes place from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Other activities and dates may also be subject to change; students will be notified.*

Leadership Academy is an elite educational and leadership training program created specifically for high school-age participants within the Washington County School District.

Five students from each local high school in Washington County (*Desert Hills, Dixie, Hurricane, Pine View, and Snow Canyon*) are hand-selected each school year to attend this unique program. Students may apply on their own—or—can be nominated by their teachers, counselors, advisors, coaches or other mentors outside the school. Students are selected on their achievements and leadership potential, as well as their service to their community. Students are not required to hold a leadership position in their school to apply. Anyone who will be a Junior or Senior during the school year, and a 3.0 or higher GPA may participate.

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For most Challenge Days, students will be required to travel with their in-school advisor, however, there may be a need for the student to provide their own transportation, and parents agree to accept liability in case of an accident, as this is strictly a voluntary activity.



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Open to anyone attending a local, designated high school in the Washington County School District who will be a Junior or Senior in the year 2016-17 (*you don't have to be in a leadership position*). Applicant is required to have a current cumulative GPA of 3.0, and must maintain this GPA or higher during the entire school year. If a student receives an incomplete or "NC" at any time during the 2016-17 school year, the student will be suspended from the program immediately and will not be allowed to re-enter without the written consent of his or her principal. Fill-out and return application, school transcript, and letters of recommendation to your high school counseling office -or- Leadership Academy advisor by the deadline:

Deadline: Friday, April 22, 2016

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING 2016-17: _____ **Grade in 2016-17:** ____ Junior ____ Senior
____ Pine View High ____ Dixie High
____ Snow Canyon High ____ Hurricane High ____ Desert Hills High

Name: _____ Gender: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ Text? Yes No

Have you applied for Leadership Academy in a previous year? Yes No

Can Leadership Academy share your information with our local business partners/community leaders? Yes No

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants are required to provide:

- Completed application
- Two letters of recommendation
 - ✓ One from a school Teacher/Counselor/Advisor/Coach describing classroom behavior, and student's ability to miss one day of school each month to attend Challenge Days.
 - ✓ One from someone, not related to you, who has worked with student and can attest to character and leadership potential.
- Current school transcript

*Once students are accepted into program, they will receive a letter of admittance which will outline their schedule. Students will be required to provide their shirt size and submit a **non-refundable fee of \$79** to secure their spot.*

Complete the questions on the back of this form, and return by the deadline date with the below items attached.

I have read the requirements for attending the Leadership Academy (on the back page) and agree to fulfill them.

I also understand the consequences of not following through with my obligations.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Please answer the following questions. If you need more space, you may add an additional page.

How did you hear about Leadership Academy *and* what can you tell us about our program?

Why do you want to be a member of the Leadership Academy?

What skills can you offer the participants and sponsoring businesses attending Leadership Academy?

What past experiences, positions, classes, or accomplishments have you achieved that are significant to your leadership potential? (Awards, leadership positions, etc.)

What classes have you taken that may benefit you in this program?

Describe the community service projects you have been involved in:

Do you plan on any college classes, a job, or extra-curricular activities for the 2016-17 school year? If so, list them.

Leadership Academy Requirements

ALL participants need to commit to the entire 2016–17 school year—with no early graduation or refunding of fees.

Open to anyone attending a designated high school in Washington County School District who will be a Junior or Senior in the year 2016–17 (*you don't have to be in a leadership position*). As stated on the front of the application, maintaining good grades is important. Students are required to maintain a 3.0 GPA; failure to do so, can result in suspension or removal from the program.

Participants are required to attend ALL Challenge Days and stay from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. and MUST attend the overnight Leadership Retreat to participate in the program. If the student has a conflict due to a school-related activity that cannot be missed or made-up by speaking with the teacher, the student is required to discuss their absence **in advance with the designated District Advisor**. **In addition, if a student misses more than one Challenge Day or has spotty attendance during the day, he or she will be placed on "Probationary Status,"** and must meet with the Academy Advisor. Students may be dismissed from the Leadership Academy if attendance continues to be an issue. If a student has a discipline issue at school, the principal (with input from the advisor) will make the decision as to the status of the student in the Leadership Academy program.

While in Leadership Academy, students will be expected to provide at least 10 hours (outside of school) to participate in a required community service project with their Leadership Academy peers. Schools will compete with each other as they present their projects to judges. Services projects **MUST** be completed by the presentation deadline in March. Prizes, scholarships, and intern opportunities may become available for outstanding students. Other acts of service are also encouraged.

The Leadership Academy is a 501 (c)3 organization, supported and financially dependent on local business contributions. These donations supplement the majority of costs associated with the Leadership Academy experience. Students who are accepted into the program are required to show their commitment by paying a minimal, non-refundable fee of \$79. If students cannot afford this fee, they may seek money from those willing to sponsor them or speak to their in-school advisor about other options.

For most Challenge Days, students will be required to provide their own transportation—or—travel with a school-designated driver. By signing this application, parents agree to accept liability in case of an accident, as this is strictly a voluntary activity.