

BIRMINGHAM CIVIL RIGHTS INSTITUTE

520 Sixteenth Street North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

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“IN SOME WAYS THE BIRMINGHAM CIVIL RIGHTS INSTITUTE FUNCTIONS AS A TOWN SQUARE WHERE THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO DISCUSS COMMON CONCERNS. IT IS A PLACE WHERE YESTERDAY’S STRUGGLES INSPIRE A BRIGHTER TOMORROW.”

— ODESSA WOOLFOLK

In 1963, children were cast in a central role in the American civil rights struggle in Birmingham, Alabama. Forty-five years later, in 2008, young voters proved to be a decisive voice in the election of Barack Obama as the first African American President of the United States. The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (BCRI) recognizes the critical role of young activists in movements for human rights throughout history. The Legacy Youth Leadership Program (LYLP) is designed to engage area high school students of ALL BACKGROUNDS in discovering their own leadership abilities by exploring historical concepts and leaders and participating in a variety of learning experiences.

Our Goal... BCRI’s Legacy Youth Leadership Program (LYLP) utilizes BCRI’s mission, collections, programs, and partnerships to engage area high school students in a series of training experiences and internship opportunities that will help them develop into lifelong learners, productive citizens, and community leaders.

Our Objectives... The objectives of LYLP are to: (1) promote student confidence, self-esteem, character, and community involvement through active participation, and (2) involve students as leaders in project planning and implementation.

Our Expectations... Upon acceptance into the program students are expected to attend a series of twelve (12) weekly participatory workshops. The workshops will help build students’ knowledge of BCRI’s permanent galleries, archival holdings, and public programs through three segments: BCRI exhibitions, African American history and culture, and leadership development. Students will also be expected to attend BCRI public programs as well as participate in college visits. In the summer of 2017, students who successfully complete the program will serve as Docents (tour guides) at BCRI. LYLP alumni are expected to continue to serve as BCRI volunteers throughout their high school tenure.

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LEGACY YOUTH LEADERSHIP Program Application 2017

Please Print or Type

General Student Information

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Primary Telephone: () _____ Cellular: () _____

Female _____ Male _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Education Information

2016-2017
School Attending: _____ Grade Level: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Alternative Classes (Gifted, Special Ed., Advanced Placement): _____

Extra-Curricular Activities: _____

Awards/Recognitions: _____

GPA: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Mother's Name: _____

Daytime Telephone: () _____ Cell Phone :() _____

Father's Name: _____

Daytime Telephone: () _____ Cell Phone :() _____

Signature

If accepted, I agree to fully participate and commit to the Legacy Youth Leadership Program (LYLP).

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Date Received: _____	Received By: _____	Status: __ Approved __ Denied
Comments: _____ _____ _____		

Essay

Please type a 1 – 2 page double-spaced essay covering each of the following using size 12 Times New Roman font.

- How did you learn of the Legacy Youth Leadership Program?
- Please briefly describe yourself (interests, hobbies, skills, and personal philosophy). Tell us about any programs you have participated in, organizations that you have volunteered with, and anything that you would like to share.
- What are your plans after you graduate from high school? If college, what are your prospective schools and majors? If work, what fields are you interested in?
- Are you interested in historical concepts? Why or why not?
- What leader do you admire the most? What, in your opinion, makes this person a great leader?
- Do you think service/volunteerism is important? Why or why not?
- What do you hope to gain or achieve from the Legacy Youth Leadership Program?

*****Please include a sealed letter of recommendation from a school teacher, counselor, mentor or community member (no relatives).**

Check-Off List

____ Completed application form (2 pages total)

____ Typed Essay

____ Student Transcript (sealed)

____ Letter of recommendation from school teacher, counselor or community leader (sealed)

Please mail, email (please scan SIGNED copy) or drop off applications and requested materials to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. **THE DEADLINE IS 5:00 P.M. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017.** If you have any questions please call the number listed below.

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute

Attn: A. Michelle Craig/Legacy Youth Leadership Program

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(205) 328-9696, ext. 235

mcraig@bcri.org (reference Legacy Youth Leadership in the subject line)

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