



Youth Leadership Program

Dear GEMS:

Diamond In The Rough (DITR) is excited to announce our 2018-2019 Youth Leadership Program. We welcome you to take part in this opportunity to take your leadership skills to a new level while playing an important role in the planning of projects and programs for Diamond In The Rough

The program is open to Diamond In The Rough members (6th – 12th grade), however there are requirements for participation. Meetings are held twice per month before or after regular scheduled Cluster Mentoring sessions. **PLEASE NOTE, THERE IS LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROGRAM.**

Requirements:

- Completed application (see attached) due by **Saturday, September 22nd**
- Completed reference form (from one non-family member).
- One letter of recommendation (from one non-family member).
- Complete a face-to-face interview on **September 29th** between 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.
- Must commit to participate in regular scheduled meetings and activities on the meeting dates (see attachment).

Applications deadline is September 22nd. Applications may be brought to a meeting, faxed to our office (678) 376-9716 or mailed to 2140 McGee Road, Suite C-640 Snellville, GA 30078. Application packets must contain all listed requirements in order to be considered for review. If there are further questions, please feel free to call (678) 376-9676.

Sincerely,

Nicole Steele

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Executive Director



Youth Leadership Meeting Dates

Important Dates

Please note, below are regular meeting dates for the 2018-2019 program year. However, please be aware additional events, subcommittee meetings, phone conferences and planning meetings may be added to the schedule. We make every effort to provide dates well in advance.

- Saturday, September 22nd – Application deadline
- Saturday, September 29th – CORE Interviews (9:00 a.m.)
- Saturday, October 6th – CORE Meeting (9:00 – 10:15 a.m.)
- Saturday, October 13th – Dare to Dream Summit
- Saturday, October 20th – Leadership training (9:00 – 10:15 a.m.)
- Saturday, November 3rd – Youth Planning (9:00 – 10:15 a.m.)
- Saturday, November 17th – Leadership training (9:00 – 10:15 a.m.)
- Saturday, December 1st – Youth Planning (9:00 – 10:15 a.m.)
- Saturday, December 15th – Leadership training (9:00 – 10:15 a.m.)
- Saturday, January 12th – Gem Jam
- Saturday, January 19th – Leadership training (9:00 – 10:15 a.m.)
- Saturday, February 2nd – Youth Planning (9:00 – 10:15 a.m.)
- Saturday, February 16th – Leadership training (9:00 – 10:15 a.m.)
- Saturday, March 2nd – Youth Planning (9:00 – 10:15 a.m.)
- Saturday, March 16th – Leadership training (9:00 – 10:15 a.m.)
- Saturday, April 13th – Leading Ladies Luncheon – Stone Mountain Marriott
- Saturday, April 27th – Leadership training (9:00 – 10:15 a.m.)
- Saturday, May 4th - 10:00 – 12:00 - Awards Brunch
- Saturday, May 11th – Mother Daughter Tea



Youth Leadership Application

Please type or print legibly

Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ GPA: _____

Counselor: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Career Interest: _____

Favorite School Subject: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Service & Leadership History

Please list service clubs, church groups, and other organizations you have been or are currently involved in:

Organization: _____ Membership dates: _____

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Indicate the areas you are interested in serving (check all that apply):

- Diamonds In Development** – serve as a volunteer with the Diamonds in Development Program (the first Saturday of each month).
- Hospitality Team** – become a trained greeter and representative of DITR for special programs and events.
- Junior Jewel** – be trained to serve as a junior volunteer with Diamond In The Rough for special events.
- Priceless Peer Leader** – be trained to be a small group facilitator and peer leader.
- Youth ambassador** – become a trained spokesperson and ambassador for Diamond In The Rough.



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Essay Questions

Please type the answers to the following essay questions on a separate sheet of paper:

- What makes you a good candidate for the Diamond In The Rough CORE leadership program?
- What does it mean to be a leader, and how do you exhibit the qualities of a leader?
- Who is your role model & why?
- What would you like to learn from this leadership experience?
- What skills and abilities would you bring to the program?
- What skills and abilities would you like to build during your participation?
- Are you currently involved in other leadership roles? If so, explain?
- What do you feel is the most challenging thing facing girls your age?
- If you could do one thing to change the world, what would it be and why?



PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Please print:

Name of parent/guardian _____
If my child is selected for the Diamond In The Rough Youth Leadership Program, I/we agree that I/we will support her in meeting all requirements and that I/we will participate in all activities.

I/we understand that she may be terminated if she conducts herself in a way that negatively impacts Diamond In The Rough.

I/we also understand that attendance and active participation is mandatory and failure to fulfill those obligations may result in termination.

If my child is in elementary school, I/we understand that I/we may assist in completing the required application form.

I understand the Youth Leadership schedule (see attached) and am committed to ensuring that they miss no more than three sessions throughout the year.

Deadline for completed application and interviews are Saturday, September 22nd.

Applications may be hand delivered, faxed or mailed to:

Diamond In The Rough
2140 McGee Road
Suite C-640
Snellville, GA 30078

(678) 376-9676 - Phone

(678) 376-9716 - Fax



Youth Leadership Reference

Please complete this reference check form and place it in a sealed envelope for the Diamond In The Rough Youth Leadership Program candidate to include with her completed application packet. Be assured that the information you supply will be kept confidential.

Completed by: _____ Date: _____

Applicant name _____

1. What is your relationship to the Applicant? _____
2. How long have you known the Applicant? _____
3. How does the Applicant relate to her peers in a group situation?
4. How has the Applicant demonstrated an ability to handle responsibility?

5. Please circle each characteristic:

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|------------------------------|------|------|------|-----------|-------------|
| a) Character and personality | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent | Outstanding |
| b) Initiative and drive | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent | Outstanding |
| c) Interaction with others | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent | Outstanding |
| d) Demonstrated leadership | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent | Outstanding |
| e) Concern for others | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent | Outstanding |
| f) Team player | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent | Outstanding |
| g) Service in the community | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent | Outstanding |

In addition to the questions above, we would like a brief comment concerning any additional knowledge you may have concerning the applicant and her potential as a leader.

Thank you for your time and effort. Please fax completed form to (678) 376-9716 or place completed reference in sealed envelope and return to Applicant.
Call (678) 376-9676 with questions.