



About the Youth Leadership Academy

The Delaware County Workforce Investment Board, Youth Council and The Foundation of the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, are proud to sponsor a Leadership Academy for Delaware County high school sophomores. This program provides an outstanding opportunity for area 10th graders to meet and work with local business, government community and media leaders. They also have the opportunity to meet other students from around the county and to participate in a team communications project.

Our goal is to celebrate student achievement and the power of leadership, as well as to encourage Delaware County high school sophomores to become better prepared to take on future leadership opportunities. Our future depends so much on the next generation of individuals who are willing to accept the challenge.

Throughout the Academy, interactive sessions will address a variety of topics, including Leadership, Teamwork, Presentation Skills, and Communications.

NOTE: Application deadline is Monday, March 25, 2024

Benefits of Youth Leadership Academy

1. Students can add Youth Leadership Academy to their resume and to college applications for scholarships and special awards.
2. Students build professional relationships through networking with business, industry, government, academic and social service leaders.
3. Students build personal portfolios of team projects and presentations for future job and college applications.
4. In addition, students examine contingency approaches to leadership, leading in crisis, cognitive and emotive aspects of leadership, ethics and morality, followership, organizational design, and leading through change.

Academy Schedule

The Delaware County Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) will be held at [Neumann University](#):

April 23 **Tuesday -- 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**
April 24 **Wednesday -- 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**
April 25 **Thursday -- 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM**

A parent/student reception will be held on April 25 at 6:00 PM.

Criteria

Students interested in applying for the Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) must meet the following criteria:

- Delaware County resident
- Currently enrolled in the 10th grade
- Good academic standing
- Involved in extracurricular activities
- Interest in developing their leadership capabilities
- Able to attend all three days of the Academy (April 23, 24 and 25)

Please complete all sections of the online Application, which can be found [here](#). For more information, please Visit the program's landing page, which can be found [here](#).

Important Information: Students will be notified of acceptance the week of April 1, 2024. This is a 3-day program and it is free to all participants. All materials, snacks and meals will be provided. Students must have transportation to and from Neumann University. Dress for the Academy is business casual. For any further questions or concerns, contact Jaclyn Miley, Events and Communications Manager at (610) 565-3677 or via email at jaclynm@delcochamber.org