

DELAWARE YOUTH LEADERSHIP NETWORK (DYLN)
2017 APPLICATION

Mission: To inspire, motivate and develop Delaware high school students to become our leaders of tomorrow.

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be a rising high school junior and attend a Delaware high school.
- Applicant must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicant must complete an interview as part of the selection process.
- Program participants are expected to attend every DYLN meeting or event.

Instructions:

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION IS **MARCH 6, 2017** unless otherwise specified by your high school.

1. Please print a copy of the consent forms in this document.
2. Please read, sign and have parent/guardian sign the Code of Responsibility Agreement Form. (Page 2-3)
3. The DYLN Commitment Form requires signatures by you, a parent/guardian and a school administrator. (Page 3)
4. Please read, sign and have a parent/guardian sign the DYLN Covenant & Indemnification, Consent for Reproduction of Photographs and Voice and the Consent for Medical Treatment document and keep a copy for your records. (Page 4)

WHEN YOU ARE READY TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION: PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU CANNOT SAVE THE APPLICATION AS A DRAFT IF YOU ARE NOT FINISHED, SO ONLY PROCEED WITH THE FOLLOWING WHEN YOU ARE READY TO SUBMIT.

5. Scan and upload pages 3 and 4.
6. Upload a photo of yourself.
7. Complete the application including the essay questions. (IMPORTANT: we recommend that you write your essays in a separate document, then copy & paste to the online application when you are ready to submit. You cannot save the application and return to edit later.)
8. Click Submit and you are done! Good luck!

How does the DYLN application process work?

- Students submit their applications through our online system.
- High schools receive a copy of their students' applications.
- After reviewing these applications, high schools can nominate up to three candidates for the DYLN program each year.
- Nominees continue the application process by attending an interview and obtaining a recommendation letter. DYLN will send recommendation forms and interview dates directly to nominees via email.
- Next year's class of DYLN Scholars will be selected by committee.

Thank you for your interest in the Delaware Youth Leadership Network.

Delaware Youth Leadership Network Code of Responsibility

Statement of Purpose

The mission of the Delaware Youth Leadership Network (DYLN) is to inspire, motivate and develop Delaware high school students to become our leaders of tomorrow.

Participation in the Delaware Youth Leadership Network carries the responsibility of leadership. Participants are expected to observe the highest standards of behavior and to set an example for others to follow. This Code of Responsibility is intended to describe minimum acceptable standards and the consequences of failure to meet these standards. Those who fail to observe these standards will be held accountable for their actions and may be asked to leave the program.

Applicability

This Code is applicable to all participants in Delaware Youth Leadership Network including class members, adult volunteers and staff. This Code is applicable at all times and includes but is not limited to social media and social networking websites.

Delaware Youth Leadership Network seeks to encourage personal growth and development of the skills and behavior required of good leaders. By participating in DYLN activities, all participants acknowledge that their actions are subject to this Code. By permitting a class member to participate, the class member's parent(s) gives their consent to the applicability of this Code.

Attendance Policy

Delaware Youth Leadership Network is an integrated series of experiences designed to be completed as a whole by a consistent group of class members. Attendance and participation at all scheduled events is necessary to obtain the full benefits of the program. Class members are expected to arrive on time, attend all events of the program and required to participate in at least one DYLN community service opportunity. Class members may be excused from 3 hours of session time to compensate for late arrivals or absences only with prior notification and approval by DYLN staff. This policy will be strictly enforced.

Dress Code

For guys, appropriate attire for all meetings includes navy blazers, dress or oxford shirts, ties (optional) and dress slacks. Dark suits are acceptable. Dark socks and loafers are preferred; however, any hard soled shoes are acceptable.

For ladies, appropriate attire includes dresses, skirts and blouses or dress slacks. No spaghetti straps, bare midriffs or revealing clothing. Dress and skirt length should be mid-calf to just above the knee.

Discipline

Appropriate behavior is expected of all participants within the parameters of law and local school policies. A participant may be suspended from participation if such action is determined by the Delaware Youth Leadership Network staff to be necessary to protect the safety and security of persons or property or to avoid disruption of a class event. The disciplinary action selected will depend on the nature of the offense and the facts and circumstances in which the violation occurred.

Policy of Smoking and Tobacco Use

Delaware Youth Leadership Network is smoke and tobacco free. Participants are expected to refrain from smoking or other use of tobacco during DYLN activities and events.

Policy on Sexual Harassment and Improper Sexual Activity

It is the policy of Delaware Youth Leadership Network to provide a program free from sexual harassment and improper sexual activity between participants. Unwelcome or inappropriate sexual advances and other inappropriate physical or verbal actions are prohibited.

**Delaware Youth Leadership Network
Code of Responsibility
Agreement Form**

This form must be signed by all parties as indicated and returned with the application by the deadline.

I, _____, (Applicant) certify that I have read and understand the Policies of Delaware Youth Leadership Network in the Code of Responsibility and that I will abide by these Policies.

Student Name (please print)

Parent or Legal Guardian Name (please print)

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Date

**Delaware Youth Leadership Network
Commitment Form**

This form must be signed by all three parties as indicated and returned with the application by the deadline.

Applicant Name (please print)

I understand that a student who is admitted to the Delaware Youth Leadership Network program is given a space in the program that is then not available to other applicants. Consequently, students who apply for the program MUST intend to accept admission and participate fully in the Delaware Youth Leadership Network program. Class members are expected to attend all DYLN meetings and events.

I have reviewed the completed application packet and support this nomination. I also verify that the applicant's grade point average is _____ (a 3.0 minimum is required for participation in DYLN) and the applicant is ranked _____ out of _____ (#) students in his/her junior class (if available).

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Signature of School Principal or
School Administrator

Date

**Delaware Youth Leadership Network
Covenant and Indemnification**

This form must be signed by all parties as indicated and returned with the application by the deadline.

This Covenant and Indemnification is executed by _____ (Participant) to Delaware Youth Leadership Network, including its directors, officers, agents, volunteers and employees.

Recitals

- A. Participant has applied for admission to Delaware Youth Leadership Network and has been permitted voluntarily to participate in the activities associated therewith.
- B. Participant is participating in Delaware Youth Leadership Network activities solely on Participant's own initiative, risk and responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, for the consideration set forth above, Participant agrees as follows:

In consideration for your participation in any class, workshop and/or clinic, and by signing this form, you, your heirs, your assigns and your legal representative hereby forever release, waive, discharge, indemnify, hold harmless and covenant not to sue Delaware Youth Leadership Network (DYLN) and their agents, members, and officers from all injuries, damages, losses, expenses, attorneys' fees, settlements, liabilities, claims, suits and causes of action and shall reimburse or make good any loss, damages or costs that may result from or arise out of Participant's participation in the above described activities.

Consent for Reproduction of Photographs and Voice

In the course of the program, newsletters, public service announcements, newspaper and magazine articles, web site features and videos may be used. Participant gives to Delaware Youth Leadership Network, its nominees, agents and assigns unlimited permission to use, publish and republish for purposes of advertising and trade for such use as it may determine, information and reproduction of Participant's likeness (photographic and otherwise) and voice related to participation in Delaware Youth Leadership Network.

Consent for Medical Treatment

In the event that medical treatment is necessary, Participant gives to Delaware Youth Leadership Network, its nominees, agents and assigns permission to obtain treatment at a medical facility.

Student Name (please print)

Parent or Legal Guardian Name (please print)

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

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