
Hancock Resource Center is seeking eighth graders for two leadership opportunities, the Hancock Youth Leadership Academy and Hancock Youth for Positive Efforts. Each program offers students a unique opportunity.

HYLA is seeking eighth grade students from each school to be part of a county-wide program. Candidates for HYLA typically have leadership potential, but have not yet had the opportunity to discover it. The Hancock Youth Leadership Academy will help unlikely leaders recognize their potential. Students from the four schools will meet together for four full-day sessions to learn about leadership skills, community development and high school readiness. The last session will include a service project planned by students. Five or six students from each school will be selected.

HYPE will work to engage 8th grade students within the schools to create positive change within their school community. Students will excel in this program if they have strong desire to create change and the courage to implement it, but have not yet been involved with efforts to do so. Students will meet with other students from their school and learn how to determine the need for change and how to create change. The last session will include the implementation of the students' plan for change. Up to ten students may be selected for each school.

Program Requirements

- Applicants must be in the eighth grade or home-schooled equivalent.
- Applicants must live or go to school in Hancock County.
- Applicants must have a grade point average that is adequate to allow school absence (excused).
- Applicants must submit a completed application including a picture of the applicant.
- Applicants must secure a Recommendation Form from a teacher, counselor or principal.
- Class members must attend the program in its entirety.
- Class members must agree to abide by all program policies and procedures.

Application Process

1. It is the responsibility of the applicant, not the school, to submit the application. Your school may collect the applications and send in on your behalf. Please check with your counselor.
2. Applications must be **RECEIVED in the Hancock Resource Center office no later than 4:00pm on Tuesday, October 23, 2018**. All applications can be submitted by mail, FED EX, UPS or hand delivered to the Hancock Resource Center office.
3. Other than the Recommendation Form and a picture, no attachments are permitted. The Recommendation Form is to be submitted in a separate sealed envelope and included with the application packet or sent directly to the Hancock Resource Center via email to rrhodes@hancockhrc.org or fax 228-463-8901.
4. Applications **must be** complete to be considered.
5. Letters notifying applicants of the selection committee results will be mailed in December 2018. School counselors will receive notification of the selected students as well.
6. Once the applicant is selected, he or she has three business days to accept or decline. Applicants will indicate the preferred program on the application, but may be selected for either program.
7. The cost of the HYLA program is \$100.00; the cost of the HYPE program is \$30. Applicants may request a scholarship on the acceptance form. No student will be turned away for inability to pay for the program.

**Application for 2019
 Junior High Program**

Please carefully read the application process instructions on page one before completing the application. Applicants must complete their own applications and fill out by hand. Please answer in complete sentences. **PLEASE ATTACH A PICTURE OF YOURSELF WITH THE APPLICATION. Parents, please do not help complete the application.**

Applicant Name

Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Preferred Name _____ DOB _____ Social Media Connections: [] Facebook: _____
 [] Instagram: _____ [] Twitter: _____ [] Other: _____

Preferred Program: HYPE HYL A Please note that you will be selected for the program based on which best suits you.

Mailing Address

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____ Applicant Email _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Parent/Guardian email address _____

School Name _____ School Contact Person/Counselor: _____

School Phone (____) _____ School Contact Email: _____

T-Shirt Size : _____

1. Please describe leadership roles, accomplishments, awards, honors or recognitions for academic, school, religious or community activities you have achieved or received in the last two years. ____ NONE

2. Discuss community service or volunteer work experience and briefly tell what was involved. ____ NONE

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3. Why did you select your preferred program? _____

4. Who is someone you admire and why? _____

5. What do you want to be when you grow up? _____

6. What is something in your community that you would like to see changed and why? _____

7. Please answer these questions in **ONE WORD** only.

Ask a teacher or the principal to describe you in one word: _____

Ask someone in your family to describe you in one word: _____

Ask one of your friends to describe you in one word: _____.

What are you good at? (one word) _____.

What is something you would change about yourself? (one word) _____.

8. Is there anything else you would like us to know? _____

Applicant Signature

Date