

## High school freshmen and sophomores: are you ready to lead?



Apply to be a part of **Youth Lead Charlotte-Mecklenburg**. The civic leadership program enables teens to learn about the community, meet students from other schools and backgrounds, and develop knowledge and skills needed by a new generation of Charlotte-Mecklenburg leaders. It's fun, engaging, educational, and exciting!

**Who?** Mecklenburg County students in grades 9-10 who demonstrate leadership in school and/or community activities and are interested in learning more about the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community, civic issues, and how to make a difference.

**When?** January-April 2017  
Applications due November 30, 2016

**Where?** Program sessions are centrally located in downtown Charlotte. Free CATS/LYNX passes and carpool ideas are available to assist with transportation.

**Learn more and apply**

[www.GenerationNation.org/index.php/YouthLeadCLT](http://www.GenerationNation.org/index.php/YouthLeadCLT)

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# CLASS INFORMATION



## What is Youth Lead Charlotte-Mecklenburg?

The program enables high school students to develop increased awareness about the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community, meet students from other schools and backgrounds, and develop knowledge and skills needed by a new generation of Charlotte-Mecklenburg leaders. Through interactive, engaging, and educational sessions and activities, emerging leaders will:

- Learn how the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community and local governments work.
- Explore important civic issues, and how citizens and leaders collaborate to solve them.
- Build a network of young civic leaders from diverse backgrounds and different high schools.
- Develop knowledge, interests, and skills needed for college, career, and civic life.
- Gain experience and readiness for active leadership on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council.

## Eligibility

Youth Leadership Charlotte-Mecklenburg is open to Mecklenburg County students in grades 9-10. Interested students should:

- Demonstrate leadership in school and/or community activities.
- Express an interest in learning more about the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community, civic issues, and how to make a difference.
- Commit to participation in all YLCM activities

## When is the program? Where?

The YLCM Class of 2017 program will take January-April 2017 in downtown Charlotte. There will be approximately 2 program sessions each month.

- Sessions will be a mix of early evening programs and weekday activities (you will receive an excused educational absence for any time out of class).
- Program sessions are located at different locations in downtown Charlotte. You will receive a schedule and directions/information prior to the sessions.
- Free CATS/LYNX passes are available to help with transportation.
- Class member contact information can be provided if you would like to arrange a carpool.

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## Program Requirements

The success of this program depends on YOU. As a participant, you are expected to:

- Attend all sessions and participate in all activities.
- Work with your team to complete your team project.
- Make arrangements for any school, activities, or work you may miss as a result of your participation in YLCM. (You will receive assistance with any educational excused absences).
- Be on time, be prepared, and pay attention.
- Ask questions. Be an active listener and learner.
- Look for opportunities to gain new perspectives and meet new friends.
- Regularly update your school leadership about your involvement in this program.
- After completing the YLCM program, participants join the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council – the student advisory council for the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools - as student leaders who advise community leaders and play an active role in helping to plan strategies and solve challenges facing our community and schools.

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