



Michigan Youth Leadership (MYLead)

Motivating and enabling the youth of Michigan to continuously make a positive impact on their communities through leadership and service.

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What is MYLead?

In our country today, there is a huge need for strong positive leaders. MYLead is a non-profit organization committed to developing leadership potential in the youth of Michigan, inspiring youth to fill our society's need for positive leaders.

The annual MYLead Conference is an exciting three-day experience for high school sophomores. This year's conference will be held in May on the campus of Michigan State University. The goal of the experience is to help these students to realize their potential as positive leaders, and to give them the tools they need to be successful leaders, especially in the area of community service. The MYLead program includes motivational speakers, community service, panel discussions, debates, team-building exercises, and other activities. These experiences increase self-confidence, insight, and motivation. Participants also have the opportunity to interact with their peers from across Michigan, sharing ideas about leadership and service.

Every year, parents and students are amazed by the positive experience of the MYLead conference. The immediate impact of MYLead can be seen in students that are ready to go back to their schools and make positive change.



MYLead participants and volunteers

MYLead is celebrating our 10th anniversary year. Since MYLead's founding in 2002, over 350 schools across that state have nominated over 1,600 sophomores who have attended MYLead. MYLead alums have had a positive impact through their leadership and service. MYLead continually expands each year to reach additional areas of the state. Your donation helps support MYLead by sustaining and growing our impact in communities across the state.

What are the outcomes for participants?

- ✓ Felt more empowered and self-confident, and become more likely to be viewed as a leader and positive role model by their peers.
- ✓ Spend an average of 18 total hrs/wk participating in extra-curricular and other community service activities and, collectively, have logged over 60,000 hours of service to their communities since participating in MYLead.
- ✓ Have increased motivation to serve others.
- ✓ Are more likely to have specific, written goals for their future. Written goals are a key indicator of individual success.
- ✓ Nearly all MYLead participants continue their education at a 4-year college or university.



The conference was absolutely wonderful. It was a great opportunity for me to learn more about leadership as well as meet new people. I have learned to expand my comfort zone, and in doing so have gained a lot of self confidence. The conference also helped me to come closer to knowing what I want to do with my life. It has helped me realize that helping others is what makes me happy, and I know that I want to incorporate that into my career and life. I've learned that it's very important to lead by example, and this is something that I will take with me back to my high school. I will strive to be a good role model, and hopefully others will follow.

Past MYLead Participant



MYLead is proud to be endorsed by the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) of Michigan.

MYLead is proud to be accredited by the National Society of Youth Leadership, a national catalyst to youth leadership development programs such as MYLead.



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