Young Life Leadership Scholarship

Who is Young Life?

Young Life is a ministry whose mission is to reach youth with the message of the Gospel and give them the opportunity to be transformed through what they hear and experience. Young Life actively seeks to expand their ministry into new schools and communities, and to reach further into the culture of young people. They are also working to develop a strong network of leaders, committee members, and community partners who will work together to serve specific communities within the city.

Young Life Leadership Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are available for incoming students who plan to participate in Young Life leadership as part of their college experience. The amount a student is awarded will be determined based on the number of students selected and the amount of funding available. All scholarships are renewable up to four semesters if a student continues to meet the requirements.

Requirements to Apply

- Must be an incoming full-time student accepted at Esperanza College of Eastern University
- Must have a minimum high school GPA of 2.0 if you have not previously attended college or a minimum collegiate GPA of 2.0 if you are a transfer student. Once awarded the scholarship, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 at Esperanza College to retain eligibility.
- Must agree to serve as a mentor in one of the following organizations:
  - Boys’ Latin of Philadelphia Charter School
  - College Young Life at Esperanza College
  - Esperanza Academy Charter School
  - Olney Charter School
  - People 4 People Middle & High School
  - Strawberry Mansion High School
  - Younglives Center City
  - Younglives Kensington
  - Younglives Olney
- Must attend Young Life’s six-week Leaders in Training (LIT) program during your first fall semester
- Must participate in at least one Barrio Youth Initiative (BYI) workshop along with the corresponding lab during your first spring semester. More information about this program can be found at www.barrioyouthinitiative.org.
- Must take at least one of the following courses in your third or fourth semester. (Students in Christian Ministry or any program that does not give space for an elective must instead attend a combined two BYI workshops and corresponding labs during their third and fourth semesters.)
  - THEO 160 Spiritual Formation for Ministry
  - THEO 243 The Church and the Community
  - YMIN 101 Introduction to Youth Ministry
- Though not required, scholarship recipients are encouraged to substitute BIBL 101 or BIBL 102 for BIBL 100 and substitute THEO 240 for THEO 210. Note that if you choose not to take BIBL 100, you will be required to complete both BIBL 101 and BIBL 102 if you pursue a bachelor’s degree with Eastern University.
Young Life Leadership Scholarship Application

This form must be received by Jael Chambers or the Student Financial Services Office of Esperanza College along with all attachments by June 1 to be considered for an award in the fall or by October 15 to be considered for an award in the spring.

Demographic Information:

Name: ___________________________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Address: __________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________________________ Zip Code: ___________

Email (To Notify Scholarship Recipients): __________________________________________

Anticipated First Semester: ____________ Student ID# (Optional): ________________

Essays:
Write two essays with 400–500 words each using the following prompts:
1. What is the greatest obstacle preventing you from going to college, and how do you plan to overcome it?
2. Choose one of the eight values listed by Young Life at www.younglife.org and write about why you share this value and how you demonstrate it.

Additional Requirements

_____ Completed FAFSA sent to Eastern University (School Code 003259)

_____ Signed College Leader Contract

_____ Letter of recommendation from current Young Life Leader or Area Director (If you have not previously participated in Young Life, submit a recommendation letter from a Christian mentor or pastor.)

_____ Official transcript from your high school and any colleges previously attended (It is not necessary to turn this in again if you already turned in your official transcripts to an admissions counselor at Esperanza College.)

I understand that if awarded this scholarship, I must remain a full-time student, maintain a GPA of at least 2.5, participate in Young Life’s LIT program, volunteer as a mentor for an approved organization, participate in a BYI workshop, and take one of the required courses. I understand that I will forfeit my scholarship if I fail to meet any of these requirements.

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ________________
College Leader Contract
Philadelphia Young Life

“Young Life is a mission community of Christ-centered people committed to reaching adolescent youth with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We do this by building personal relationships with young people, by sharing our lives and by participating with them in a variety of experiences through which the gospel can be heard and understood.”

- Young Life’s Mission Purpose Statement

PURPOSE of YOUNG LIFE LEADERS:
To be a living witness for Jesus Christ and to share His love in a relational way with high school adolescents.

PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS:
• Leaders have made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and are growing in their relationship with Christ through quiet times, community, Bible study and prayer.
• Leaders are committed to personal growth and love of Jesus Christ and subsequently seek to be under the authority of those God has placed over them. Leaders are always looking to grow in grace, love and truth, by the work of the Holy Spirit.
• Leaders reflect Christ in their attitudes and lifestyle at home, at work, with peers and at Young Life.
• Leaders live an exemplary life in the areas of language, drugs, alcohol, smoking, social media and sexuality.
• Leaders spend time ministering to teens of the same sex. Leaders may not date Young Life kids or show favoritism towards certain teens of the opposite sex. Leaders should be appropriate in showing physical affection.
• Leaders are committed to living an exemplary life in the areas of social media and online interactions. They know everything they type, post, share, retweet and the like represents Young Life and ultimately Jesus Christ.
• Leaders show a genuine love, concern, acceptance and friendliness towards teens. Leaders desire to reach all teens for Christ regardless of their ethnic, racial, or socio-economic groups.
• Leaders are persistent in the face of disappointment and committed to empowering, not enabling.

Therefore, we are asking you for a commitment to submit to the following expectations:
• A growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ
  • This means you will be part of a local church and intentionally seek to be fed through avenues in addition to Young Life
  • Seek to be under the discipleship/teaching of an adult in the community
  • Faithfully come to leadership and team meetings
  • Choose to be vulnerable and authentic within the circle of leadership - that all may be edified
• Be above reproach in the community concerning legal, moral and ethical matters
  • This means you will not engaged in anything illegal according to the law (drugs, under-age drinking, etc)
  • This means you will also use Christ-honoring, sober judgment in your decisions of what you are legally allowed to do (consume alcohol, tobacco, etc)
  • A follower of Christ is called to keep their body pure in reverence and obedience to our Lord, therefore sexual purity - in all its shapes - will be held up and pursued
• Willingness to make a two-year commitment (though remainder of college is preferred)
• Learn to lead aspects of club and campaigners
• Be available for summer camp trips
• Come to Leader/Committee Weekend each February at Lake Champion
• Seek to intentionally disciple 1 to 2 students
• Come to area Christmas party (Dec) and year end celebration (April/May)
• Come to area Kick Off (Sept)
• Intentionally pray for high school students and the ministry of YL
• Read 2 books assigned by the area director each year
• Take racial and socio-economic reconciliation seriously, becoming culturally competent
• Memorize assigned scripture
• Honor Christ with excellence in academics - agree to maintain a 2.5 GPA
• Care more for people than the program of YL

LEADERS MUST COMPLETE and TURN IN the FOLLOWING:
• Young Life Volunteer Application
• PA Child Abuse History Clearance
• Federal Criminal History Clearance or Volunteer Affidavit

On the leader resources website complete:
• PA Criminal Background Check
• Young Life’s Faith and Conduct Policy - read and sign forms
• DRIVERS ONLY: must complete a Young Life Driver Questionnaire online

I have carefully read and agree with the above Young Life Leadership Requirements and Ministry Commitment.

If for some reason I am unable to abide by this contract, I will inform Theron Huff at (484) 356-6520 or theronhuff@gmail.com

Signature______________________________________________
Date_______________________________
Print your name_________________________________________