

WHAT DOES IT COST?

\$50 - City residents
(participants who live inside the City limits)

\$100 - Non-City residents
(participants who live outside the City limits)

Financial Assistance available

HOW WILL SUWANEY YOUTH LEADERS BE SELECTED?

The SYL planning team will review and select participants. Input may be received from students' schools and other outside sources. Consideration will be given to:

- Strength of application (particularly the Q&A portion).
- Sophomores and juniors who have demonstrated either solid or emerging leadership qualities in school, places of worship, or community service activities.
- Students living in PRHS, CHHS, and NGHS cluster areas as well as students who attend private and home schools who live in those geographic areas.

WHEN ARE THE APPLICATIONS DUE?

Applications are due **Friday, December 2, 2016 by 5 pm.**

WHERE DO I ACCESS THE APPLICATION?

Applications are accessible online at: suwaneecity.com

WHAT IF I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS?

This is a big commitment – and an important decision. Please feel free to talk with SYL alumni or call the City program leaders:

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BUILDING YOUTH LEADERS INSIDE THE COMMUNITY AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



WHAT IS SUWANEY YOUTH LEADERS (SYL)?

SYL is a City of Suwanee sponsored, community-based, eight-month leadership program for high school students who live in the Suwanee area. The program is open to sophomores and juniors who attend public, private, and home-based schools and who live in the North Gwinnett, Collins Hill, and Peachtree Ridge clusters. (Students must meet preferred guidelines.)

The goal of SYL is to develop young leaders through structured monthly educational programs and team-building activities. The program incorporates lots of hands-on community volunteer service opportunities.

We know you've got questions; here are answers to a few of them:

WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

- To develop useful skills like team-building, communication, and leadership.
- To help the City of Suwanee engage with youth so that they have a strong voice and active role in planning the City's success.
- To gain real exposure to local initiatives and community leaders.
- To have fun with peers while making a difference in the community.
- And (let's be serious, we know you want this) to put a strong leadership volunteer position on your college transcript... but you gotta work for it:)



WHEN ARE MEETINGS?

- **February 18-19 - Retreat**
MANDATORY - NO EXCEPTIONS
- **February 26 (Sun.)**
Volunteer opportunity, Suwanee Marathon
- **March 4 (Sat. 9 am - 1 pm)**
Regular meeting
- **March 25 (Sat.)**
Student-planned social event
- **April 15 (Sat. 9 am - 1 pm)**
Regular meeting
- **April 15 or 22 (Sat.)**
Volunteer opportunity, City-sponsored event
- **May 5 (Fri. 8 am - 5 pm)**
Leadercast, Gwinnett Arena
- **May 13 (Sat.)**
Volunteer opportunity, Arts in the Park
- **May 20 (Sat.)**
Regular meeting
- **June/July - 4 summer sessions/activities** will be planned
 - a. Trip to the State Capitol
 - b. Suwanee's Police training facility
 - c. Public Speaking
 - d. Team Building
- **August 4 (Sat.)**
SYL-led Food Truck Friday event
- **August 12 or 19 (Sat.)**
Volunteer opportunity, August Concert and Wing Fest
- **August 26 (Sat.)**
Regular meeting
- **September 1 (Fri.)**
SYL-led Food Truck Friday event
- **September 15-17 (Fri.-Sun.)**
Volunteer opportunity, Suwanee Fest
- **September 30 (Sat.)**
Regular meeting
- **October 28 (Sat.)**
Volunteer opportunity
Trek-or-Treat event
- **November 14 (Tue. 6:30 pm)**
SYL "graduation" and presentation to City Council

Small group planning meetings and events will take place outside of these times.

WHAT KINDS OF THINGS WILL WE DO?

Meeting topics, to be led by local leaders, will include engaging subjects such as leadership principles and practices, law and justice, community engagement, and so much more! You will participate in city-sponsored events and take the lead in planning two of our popular Food Truck Friday events as well as having the opportunity to be "Parker," the City mascot. We are counting on this group to lead teams of volunteers at the annual Arts in the Park festival and Suwanee Fest. The list of potential projects goes on and will, in part, be determined by participants.

