

Leadership Essay Assignment

For your essay, worth up to thirty points, please respond to the following questions:

- What are the greatest lessons you have learned from the Youth Leadership Development Program?
- How will you apply the lessons you have learned as you enter college?

(When formulating your response, it will be helpful to refer to a specific speaker.)

When formatting your essay:

- Please limit your response to 600 words.
- Type your response in 12-point Times New Roman font.
- Double-space your essay and leave one-inch margins.

Grading Rubric: Your essay will be graded using the following criteria:

Excellent—27-30 Points—An excellent essay answers the questions fully. It uses specific examples to make its case, and it is highly persuasive. It is also well organized and contains a strong, clear thesis. It grabs and holds the reader's attention from beginning to end, and it is virtually free of grammatical errors.

Good—23-26 Points—A good essay displays many of the qualities of an excellent essay. It may be slightly less developed or slightly less persuasive. Its thesis, however, is still strong. It is interesting but may be slightly less compelling than the excellent essay. It may contain a few grammatical errors.

Average—18-22 Points—An average essay is of lesser quality than an excellent or good essay. It has a thesis, but the thesis is not strong or compelling. The writing is not as energetic as the essays described above, and some points may be vague. The essay may contain several grammatical errors.

Below Average—11-17 Points—The quality of the below-average essay is well below the quality of even the average essay. The thesis is vague and nonspecific, and the points of the essay are not clear. The essay contains grammatical errors, and it may lack neatness in terms of its appearance.

Unacceptable—0-10 Points—The unacceptable essay is not focused, nor is it clear. It also does not answer the questions asked. The reader does not grasp a strong understanding of the writer's points. The writing is non-energetic, and the essay contains numerous grammatical errors. The essay may lack a neat appearance.