



Application Information

- Fill out the online application at ysi.org.
- Applications received by March 15, 2024 will be given priority.
- Notification of acceptances will be sent out in April.
- For those accepted, full payment (\$700) should be paid by May 15, 2024.

More information

For more information, contact the program staff at pls@ysi.org.

About YSI

Youth Service International is dedicated to the character and intellectual development of young men. Since 1994, its programs have prepared middle school, high school, and college students throughout the United States to be men of ideals committed to improving the world around them through their professional work, friendships, and life of service.

YSI's programs are inspired by a Christian spirit which views the world as good, sees work as fulfillment of man's nature, and emphasizes service towards one's neighbor. The Christian orientation of YSI's programs is entrusted to Opus Dei, a personal Prelature of the Catholic Church (opusdei.org).



Practical Leadership Seminar

JUNE 16 – 22, 2024

PITTSBURGH, PA

ysi.org



FOR ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES

A PROGRAM BY YOUTH SERVICE INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Practical Leadership Seminar

IN EVERY DAY AND AGE—no less in our own time – there are challenges which both society and individuals face. It is not enough simply to navigate one’s own way through these challenges. There is a need for men in every sector of civic life who dedicate their talent, time, and energy in service to those around them. Leaders are not born, but made – through dint of effort. The goal of the *Practical Leadership Seminar* is to spur young men on in their development of key leadership virtues and skills, specifically:”

- Fortitude
- Good judgment
- Spirit of service
- Professional excellence
- Effective communication



Components of the Program

To start the week, three professional men will each present an issue requiring leadership today in America. During the rest of the week, students will prepare a presentation which offers a practical solution to one of the problems mentioned by a speaker. Written materials with background information on each issue will be provided to the students.

On the final evening, each student will give a brief, formal presentation of his solution to a panel of professional men. The panel will evaluate each speech based on its analysis of the issue, its proposed solution, the logic of its argument, and its rhetorical effectiveness.

Students will receive instruction on the basic principles of public speaking as part of the week-long seminar.

The program will include talks and discussions on leadership virtues, and students will have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with a staff member about ways to exercise leadership in their everyday environment in the upcoming year.

The overall goals of the program are to give students a greater awareness of the challenges facing their local and national community and to inspire students to exercise leadership in their daily life.

The daily schedule will include free time for sports and competitive games. Daily Mass and times of prayer will be offered for those interested.

AGE

Entering high school sophomores

DATES

June 16 – 22, 2024

COST

\$700. This fee covers all expenses except travel to and from the seminar.

LOCATION

Warwick House
5090 Warwick Terrace
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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