

WYANDOT COUNTY YOUTH LEADERSHIP

EMERGING LEADERS

2027 PROGRAM GUIDE



Build your voice. Strengthen your confidence. Learn to lead where you live.

A countywide, application-based experience for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from Carey, Mohawk and Upper Sandusky.

A PROGRAM OF THE WYANDOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



THE PROGRAM

Leadership starts before the title.

Emerging Leaders gives students a place to practice it now.

Inspired by Leadership Wyandot, Emerging Leaders is a countywide youth leadership program designed specifically for local high school students. It brings together students from Carey, Mohawk and Upper Sandusky to build practical leadership skills, relationships across school districts and a stronger understanding of the community around them.

WHO	WHEN	TIME	COST
Sophomores, juniors & seniors	January - May	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	No cost to students

WHAT STUDENTS BUILD

Leadership & self-confidence
Understand personal strengths and grow confidence in leading others.

Communication & collaboration
Find your voice, listen well and communicate ideas with clarity.

Problem-solving & decisions
Practice ethical decision-making, teamwork, delegation and prioritization.

Community & career awareness
Connect with local leaders and see leadership in business and community life.

**FOR STUDENTS, FAMILIES & SCHOOLS**

More than a day out of class.

Structured leadership development with real-world application.

FOR STUDENTS

Students gain a leadership credential for resumes and applications while building confidence, communication skills and relationships outside their usual circle.

FOR FAMILIES

A structured, supervised opportunity to grow independence, professional communication, decision-making and community awareness.

FOR SCHOOLS

Applied leadership, collaboration, career exposure and community engagement that complements classroom learning. Class credit may apply as determined by each school.

BUILDING THE FUTURE - LOCALLY

Emerging Leaders is an investment in the people who will become our future business owners, educators, healthcare professionals, farmers, nonprofit leaders, public servants - and the neighbors who continue making Wyandot County a place worth calling home.



FIVE MONTHS. FIVE LEADERSHIP LENSES.

Every session moves students from self-awareness to action.

JAN

01

EMPOWER, ENVISION, ENGAGE

Leadership vs. authority • strengths • growth goals • networking • community project launch

FEB

02

CONFIDENCE, COMPOSURE, COMMUNITY

Public speaking • nonverbal communication • stakeholder communication • project planning

MAR

03

DISCIPLINE, DRIVE, DILIGENCE

Emotional intelligence • stress • empathy • integrity • ethical decisions

APR

04

PRIORITIES, PERSUASION, PRINCIPLES

Team roles • group dynamics • trust • peer influence • inclusive leadership

MAY

05

RESULTS, RESILIENCE, REFLECTION

Goals • delegation • prioritization • project presentations • networking



WHAT A SESSION FEELS LIKE

Active. Practical. Connected to real people and real situations.

9:00 - 11:30

Discussion + Activities

Leadership development, team challenges, practice and reflection.

11:30 - 12:15

Lunch with a Leader

A local guest shares their story, perspective and lessons learned.

12:15 - 2:00

Activities + Wrap-Up

Application, project work, feedback and a clear takeaway for the month.

THE COMMUNITY IMPACT PROJECT

Students work together on a student-led community impact or service project. The project begins with identifying needs, moves through planning and communication, and culminates in implementation or presentation. The goal is to practice shared ownership, follow-through, collaboration and leadership in a real setting.



WHAT STUDENTS CAN EXPECT

Clear expectations. School coordination. A professional experience.

PROGRAM LOGISTICS

- Five monthly sessions from January through May, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- Transportation is provided from the student's school.
- Students receive an excused absence; attendance is recorded at every session.
- Participation may qualify for applicable class credit as determined by the school.
- The program is application-based and offered at no cost to participants.

WHAT WE ASK OF STUDENTS

- Arrive ready to participate and stay engaged for the full session.
- Respect different perspectives and contribute to a positive cohort culture.
- Complete short assessments or take-home reflections when assigned.
- Participate actively in the student-led community project.
- Practice professional communication and follow through on commitments.



SESSION 01 • JANUARY

Empower, Envision, Engage

A look inside the first Emerging Leaders session

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Leadership, self-discovery, networking & community impact

9:00 - 9:20

Welcome + Cohort Kickoff

Introductions, icebreakers and team challenge.

9:20 - 10:00

Leadership: Title vs. Influence

Define leadership versus authority and everyday influence.

10:00 - 10:45

Discover Your Strengths

Use CliftonStrengths to identify strengths and growth opportunities.

10:45 - 11:30

The Art of the Handshake

Practice introductions, networking and professional confidence.

11:30 - 12:15

Lunch with a Leader

Hear a local leader's story, lessons learned and career path.

12:15 - 1:00

Leadership in My Life

Connect strengths, influence, service and personal leadership.

1:00 - 1:40

Community Impact Project Launch

Assess community needs and identify opportunities for impact.

1:40 - 2:00

Growth Goals + Closing

Set leadership goals and receive the Personal Leadership Development Plan.



STEP UP. STAND OUT. LEAD.

A competitive countywide opportunity for students ready to grow.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Emerging Leaders is designed for sophomores, juniors and seniors from Carey, Mohawk and Upper Sandusky. Strong applicants do not need to already hold a title or see themselves as a "leader." They should be curious, dependable, willing to participate, open to meeting students from other schools and ready to challenge themselves.

SELECTION

Participation is competitive and application-based. School and program partners can use the application process to identify students who will contribute to - and benefit from - the cohort experience.

READY FOR THE NEXT STEP?

PROGRAM INFORMATION & APPLICATION

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Questions from students,
families & schools welcome.

BUILD YOUR VOICE. SHAPE THE FUTURE.

Five months. One countywide cohort. Real leadership experience students can carry into college, careers and their community.