



THOMAS DAVIS Youth Leadership Academy



STUDENT APPLICATION

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

Email: denada@defendingdreams.org or Fax: 1.800.790.0953

Questions? Call: 704.957.1447

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the entire form. Type or print all the information. Limit answers to space available.
2. Obtain a recommendation letter from an adult listed in the recommendation section.
3. Form must be signed by both the nominee and a parent.
4. Submit the form. Email it to denada@defendingdreams.org OR fax it to 1.800.790.0953.

CRITERIA

The Thomas Davis Youth Leadership Academy (TDYLA) is committed to providing leadership development and training to a group of motivated students who represent a diversity of racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups in Mecklenburg County.

Interested nominees should:

- Demonstrate their leadership potential for community trusteeship.
- Exhibit interest in community service.
- Commit to FULL PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE in all Thomas Davis YLA programs.
(80% attendance is required to graduate)
- Maintain satisfactory academic, attendance and citizenship records.

STUDENT RECOMMENDATION

A written student recommendation needs to be submitted with this application. The recommendation should be written by a teacher, coach, church group leader, scout/cub leader or other organizational leader. If you are a returning TDYLA student, you are not required to provide recommendations.

SCHEDULE

Applications Due for TDYLA	September 21, 5:00 pm EST
TDYLA Orientation	October 3
TDYLA Session 1	October 10 - November 21, Every Monday 6p-8p
TDYLA Session 2	January 9 – February 27, Every Monday 6p-8p
TDYLA Completion Ceremony	March Date TBD

ATTENDANCE

Due to a limited number of positions in the academy, **a commitment to the program and full attendance at each activity is expected.** If you cannot make a full commitment to the program, please do not apply. TDYLA meets Monday nights October through February.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Student Phone: _____ Student Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

Race: _____ School presently attending: _____

(The Thomas Davis YLA does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, religion, or national origin.)

Grade: _____ Shirt size: _____ Shoe Size: _____

Social Media Account Names (Instagram, Snapchat, etc.):

How did you find out about TDYLA: _____

Allergies: _____

PARENT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent Phone _____ Parent Email: _____

ALTERNATE EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Name: _____

Relationship to Child: _____ Phone Number: _____

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list any school, volunteer, religious, social, athletic or other activities in which you have participated. Explain what role you play in these organizations.

Activity and Responsibilities

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

PERSONAL PROFILE

Returning TDYLA students in High School, go to page 4.

1. Describe three qualities which best illustrate your leadership potential.

2. What two leadership traits do you hope to improve most through TDYLA?

3. What is the biggest issue middle school students are wrestling with today?

4. Why do you want to participate in TDYLA?

5. What do you hope to gain through this experience?

6. If you could improve one thing in our community, what would it be and why?

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

I understand that attendance at all Thomas Davis Youth Leadership Academy sessions is expected for graduation. My behavior and participation will always reflect positively on Thomas Davis YLA and my sponsoring agency. Thomas Davis YLA is a drug and alcohol free program, and I will abide by those standards during all Thomas Davis YLA events. I realize that I am a representative of all youth and I will at all times represent them honorably. I authorize Thomas Davis YLA to take appropriate measures if I cannot fulfill this agreement.

Signature of Nominee _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

RETURNING TDYLA STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL

If you have been a part of the Leadership Academy and you are in high school, please answer the following questions:

1. What have you learned from TDYLA and how do you demonstrate it daily?

2. Describe your growth from when you first started with TDYLA?

3. Why would you like to continue to attend TDYLA?
