


# YOUTH BECOMING LEADERS

High School Christian Leadership and Global Transformation Institute

## STUDENT RECRUITMENT PACKET

# RECRUITMENT

**TALKING TO A STUDENT:**

- **Conversation Starter Questions for Teens:**
  - What are some ways students could lead in our church?
  - Who is doing things around you that matter? When are you with friends who naturally lead, and how do you know it?
  - How do you want to grow as a leader?
  - Do you feel your leadership qualities are recognized?
  - Tell me about your youth pastor. What kind of influence and impact has he/she had?
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  - YBL will put you in a community with like-minded students from around the country.

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  - Students spend the second half of the residential program developing a ministry service project to implement in their communities.
- **Mentor Details:**
  - You get to select one adult mentor from your community who will invest in you and help disciple you over the next year.
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- **Details of the experience:**
  - Program Dates
  - The deadline to apply
  - Tuition Cost is based on a sliding scale. Families are asked to consider what they can afford, anywhere from $999 to $4,000. Students can raise their tuition funds through the support of friends and family, and YBL has provided fundraising ideas on our website.
  - All housing, meals, and materials are included during the ten days.

- **Theological Focus:**
  - Every year, YBL rotated four different theological themes that explore the stories of the Good Samaritan, Moses, Mary, and David.
  - These themes included topics such as identity, God's calling and our response, loving our neighbors, the glory of God, and more.
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- **Reservations a teen may have:**
  - Coming alone: YBL students build an incredible community with other students who are also seeking God's call in their life. The community experience creates lifelong friendships in just days.
  - Ten days is a long time: Yes, it is a big-time commitment, but that time is needed for deep growth.
  - Why Choose a Mentor: an adult to listen, walk beside, and gain knowledge with
  - The cost: YBL will work with you to fundraise and/or scholarship. You can find fundraising ideas on YBL's website.
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**TALKING TO A PARENT:**

- **Conversation Starter Questions for Parents:**
  - What qualities make up a good student leader?
  - What are some things in your child's life, and that you see students doing, that matter long-term? How do you develop leadership in students? I am asking because I am part of a group that is developing a student leadership program.
  - How do you want to see your student grow as a leader?
  - Do you wonder if your student has enough leadership knowledge and opportunities?
  - How has your youth pastor influenced your child(ren)?
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- **Reservations a Parent may have:**
  - Coming alone: Trained college students will walk through the program with your student. Staff will also be present during the day. The college counselors will stay with them in the dorms.
  - Safety: Dorms have a curfew. YBL staff and counselors will know where your student is most of the time. The schedule is very packed, and there is some free time, but not much each day.
  - The cost: YBL will work with you to fundraise and/or receive a scholarship. You can find fundraising ideas on YBL's website.
  - Travel: If your student is flying, YBL staff will pick them up from the airport and will monitor flights for early arrivals and delays.

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**TALKING TO A PASTOR:**

- **Conversation Questions for Pastor/Youth Pastor:**
  - How did adults invite you into ministry leadership when you were younger?
  - What are the best models of student leadership that you have seen? Are you satisfied with the student leadership development that your church is doing? I am asking because I am part of a group that is developing a student leadership program.
  - What is your student leadership process? What would you love student leaders to know/be when they graduate?
  - How are your students being trained to lead in your church?
  - What does it look like in your ministry area to give ministry away to student leaders?
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- **Reservations a Pastor may have:**
  - `Missing a church camp: YBL students come back more ready to lead their peers and to be leaders in their church.
  - Handing off that relationship to someone else: YBL wants students to be invested in by adults from the student's home church, which is why YBL takes time to invest in and train mentors through an online interactive workshop.
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  - The Ministry Project will create more work for me: YBL works hard to encourage the student to pick a project they are passionate about, after they have looked at what their church is already doing. YBL wants students to work with their church leaders to join the church's mission.
- **Theological Focus**
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- **Reservations a Mentor may have:**
  - Work: We ask that you make yourself available via call or text during YBL dates for conversations with your student to discuss their ministry project and for a Zoom call.
  - Time: YBL asks mentors to commit post-YBL time for 12 weeks. We would love you to help continue the student's growth by meeting with them for an hour once a week to go through the devotion provided by YBL.
  - Good Fit: Mentors do not need to be perfect, rock stars, or cool. Just simply willing to meet with the student, seek Jesus, and share life with them.
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