

DARE TO LEAD

One Good Leader, Leads to Another

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What is the Dream Leaders program?

Dream Leaders is an innovative after school program for middle and high school students. We offer the program to help students make a difference in their community, while also learning essential life and business skills.

How Do We Do It?

Service Learning/ Volunteers: Students in the Dream Leaders program will have consistent access to some of the coolest and most impactful volunteering events in the Chicago area through Dreams For Kids.

Social Entrepreneurship training: Students in the Dream Leaders program will have access to an innovative after school program that teaches them about significant social issues and most importantly, helps them build tangible projects to impact and support these issues.

We are the Change conferences: Students in the Dream Leaders program will have access to our one of a kind conference series that brings together successful entrepreneurs, social leaders and other speakers to learn about how you can grow your impact and involvement.

Why would my school or community organization want to join?

1. Are you looking for effective after school programs for your students? Our program is 100% free and has been created in partnership with the Harvard Learning institute and the Compass Fellowship for social entrepreneurship.
2. Do your students have community service requirements? Help them fulfill their required hours through volunteering with Dream Leaders and in our after school sessions.
3. Our team can provide a mentor for your Dream Leaders group up to once a week and if you would prefer, we can also train someone in-house as a facilitator/mentor.
2. Worried about time? The Dream Leaders program is flexible and can work around your existing schedule. You can work through our 20-part curriculum at your own pace.
3. Working on college preparedness? Dream Leaders projects are unique and display the civic engagement that can help your students stand out on things like college applications and scholarship proposals.
4. Your students will be part of a growing movement of young people around the U.S who are making a difference and will be able to expand their network and engage students from around the city, community leaders and business people etc.
5. Are you interested in entrepreneurship training? Many of our modules focus on basic entrepreneurial practices/skills and we give our students the opportunity to implement what they learn on their tangible "impact projects"

6. You'll get access to our online portal and can update the status of your students' project and share their progress on your website and with your network easily.
7. The Dream Leaders program was created as a supplementary resource that can be amended and adapted to fit the unique mission and programming needs of individual schools/ organizations. We are flexible and open to implementing our program however it works best with what you are doing and need.

How do I bring Dream Leaders to my location?

There are two ways to bring Dream Leaders to your school/ facility:

1. Start a group in your school
 - Reach out to groups of students or existing clubs and introduce the program to make sure there is interest.
 - Reach out to Dreams For Kids and request a facilitator once interest is confirmed.
 - Our facilitator will meet with your administrators and students to discuss logistics, scheduling and needs and will take over from there.
2. Make the program available to individuals:
 - Send information about Dream Leaders out through existing school networks
 - Even if students don't have a group, individuals will be able to work through the 20-part curriculum and we will have a Dreams For Kids staffer available to help them virtually when they need assistance.
 - Have them contact us directly and we will orient them.

What is required of my students and myself?

Requirements:

Administrators' only responsibilities are:

1. Conducting outreach and building interest.
2. Communicating your needs and goals for the program and facilitation.
3. Providing a venue or facility for the group to meet at.
4. Training an in house staffer (If you choose to do so)

For Groups:

- Groups must agree to complete the 20-part curriculum over the course of a year.
- Students must agree to attend team meetings and to follow up with Dreams for Kids staffers at scheduled times. (These are flexible, depending on the group)
- Students are required to update your online Dream Leaders profile once a month.
- Students are required to attend at least one service event each semester.

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For Individuals:

- Individuals must agree to complete the 20-part curriculum over the course of a year.
- Individuals are required to update your Dream Leaders profile once a month.
- Individuals are required to attend at least one service event each semester

What do other students think about Dream Leaders?

“Being a Dream Leader means you will go out of your way to help others in need, to help others who without you would be left alone to deal with their problems, to look at the world with open eyes and open hands, to inspire millions of people who are pushed aside, abused, and neglected because of their race, social class, and disabilities, to inspire a world unlike any other- a world more like a dream.” ~ George Lopez, Age 18

“Dreams For Kids has broadened my horizons and helped me realize many aspects on life and what I could be doing...In a sense, Dreams For Kids has given me special powers to make the world a better place... I can now put smiles on children’s faces, so I can put a proud smile on my face” ~ Kelly, Age 18

To register, fill out the below application and E-MAIL it to Ahorn@DreamsForKids.org or call 1-866.729.5454 with questions.

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Email:</u>
<u>Title:</u>	<u>Phone Number:</u>
<u>School:</u>	<u>Address</u>