

# increasing leadership skillsets to address community issues



## OVERVIEW

YEP trains youth in 9th-12th grades in community leadership skills. It teaches them how to develop and implement plans for youth-identified needs and issues through policy. Through YEP, youth become civically engaged, realize their true potential, and assume leadership roles to better their communities. YEP Scholars advocate for policy changes, and form trusted relationships. The program culminates in Youth Empowerment Program summit.

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## BUILDING THE PIPELINE OF FUTURE LEADERS

### OUTPUTS

Using an asset-based community approach with an "Appreciate Inquiry" framework, the Scholars develop an individual leadership vision based on their strengths. They work collaboratively to define, discover, and design policy solutions.

### OUTCOMES

YEP Scholars improve their well-being and resilience while increasing their leadership capacity. They build the skills to communicate, speak publicly, collaborate, and network to build and improve their community.

### DETAILS

- Nine sessions per cohort
  - In-person
  - On Saturdays from 10am to 2pm
- Multi-year program opportunity
- Monetary stipends for participation and completion

