



Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in NBC News Young Leaders in Journalism. We are excited to provide the experience of a lifetime for a select group of New York City high school students and look forward to reading your application.

Overview. NBC News Young Leaders in Journalism is a workshop that exposes New York City public high school students interested in news to the inner workings of the profession and to distinguished journalists. The program aims to identify students with a passion for journalism, nurture their interest through education and training, motivate them to vigorously pursue their dreams, and encourage them to positively contribute their knowledge to their community.

Details. The workshop will run from **July 22, 2019 to August 2, 2019** at NBC News' headquarters (**30 Rockefeller Plaza in Manhattan**). All expenses associated with attendance (including transportation and food) are covered. By working with accomplished journalists, students learn basic journalistic principles, develop their writing and presentation skills and are exposed to foreign and domestic news. The program provides an opportunity to experience the day-to-day life of a cross-platform news organization and hear from experts across many fields of journalism. Part of the program includes a field trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the Newseum, national monuments and NBC News' Washington bureau. Lastly, a final project allows students to practice the filming, reporting and editing of a story. Throughout and after the program, students receive professional and academic mentoring and free magazine and newspaper subscriptions.

Requirements. To qualify for the program, you must:

- Be a current high school student (rising junior or senior);
- Attend a public school in New York City;
- Have an interest in journalism; and
- Have a combined household income that does not exceed \$60,000.

Note: This program is for students from underresourced financial backgrounds. If the combined income of your custodial parent(s)/guardian(s) exceeds \$60,000 and you still wish to apply, you may attach a statement explaining why you believe your family qualifies as financially underresourced.

How to Apply. Fill out the applications below and email it to Vicky Levina (Director of Recruiting) at YLIJ@nbcuni.com by **Monday, April 29, 2019**.

We may ask to meet you for a more formal interview after reviewing your application. If you have any questions on the application, please e-mail us at any time. We hope to hear from you in April.

Sincerely,

Cyrus Heidary
Program Founder



Applicant Information:

Name:

High School:

Gender:

Expected Date of Graduation:

Home Address:

Telephone Number:

E-Mail Address:

Short Answer:**Extracurricular Commitments**

Please include all commitments including: school, employment, religious, etc.

Activity

Weekly Time Commitment

Description

References

Please list 2 personal references (e.g. teachers, coaches, etc.) who know you well. Please make sure to discuss this with your references before listing them.

Name	Relationship to Applicant	Contact Information (Including Phone Number)

Essays:

Please limit each answer to 250 words and attach answers to application.

- 1) If you had the opportunity to research and produce one story for NBC News, what would it be and why? What resources would you use, and what angle would you bring to the story?
- 2) Who is someone who has made a difference in your community and why do you admire him/her? What traits does this person have that you find admirable?
- 3) What are your goals for this program? An important aspect of the program is giving back to your school community or neighborhood part of what you have had the opportunity to experience and learn in the program. How do you plan to accomplish this?
- 4) This program will draw from schools all around New York City, and you will be asked to work with students who are different from yourself. Why is diversity a fundamental part of journalism?

Additional Information:

Please include copies of the following materials, without which your application will be considered incomplete:

- 1) Official high school transcript
- 2) A letter of recommendation from a teacher (can be one the people listed as a reference above)
- 3) Journalism/writing sample (in any media form)
- 4) Copy of the first page of the **2017 (or 2018 if available)** income-tax return form (the 1040 or 1040EZ form) of your custodial parent(s)/guardian(s); or a signed statement by your parent(s)/guardian(s) saying that their income is below the level at which they would be required to file income tax returns. *Total household adjusted gross income of less than \$60,000 is a requirement for eligibility for this program. If you do not meet this requirement, please write a brief statement explaining why your family qualifies as "financially underresourced."*

Signatures:

I understand that Young Leaders in Journalism meets **July 22, 2019 through August 2, 2019** and that I will be expected to attend all sessions. If selected, I commit to giving 100% to the program, completing all assignments during and after the program, and giving back to my community following the completion of the program. I understand that, if accepted, I will be one of a select number of students given this opportunity and it is important that I follow through and attend the program. I am confident that I can fulfill the requirements of the program.

Applicant: _____ Date: ____/____/____

I understand the requirements of Young Leaders in Journalism and fully support my son / daughter's application for the program.

Parent / Guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/____