

Youth Leadership Lincoln Information and Dates

We are excited that you and your student are interested in participating in Youth Leadership Lincoln's 30th cohort (YLL 30). Please review the information below and then complete the parent acknowledgement form.

Application Materials

Students need to submit the following materials by May 8, 2026, to be considered for the YLL 30 cohort:

- Two [Reference Form](#) submissions. Students need to ask two staff members at their school (teacher, counselor, or administrator) to complete the task.
- [Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement Form](#) reviewed and submitted by at least one parent or guardian.
- [Application](#) submitted by the student applicant.

Orientation and Retreat Dates

Participants are **required** to attend **one orientation session** and the **entire opening retreat**. Students who are unable to attend one orientation session or the entire opening retreat are not eligible for the program.

Orientation Options

- June 30 | The Foundry (211 N 14th St) | 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- July 23 | The Foundry (211 N 14th St) | 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Retreat Dates

- July 31 – August 1 overnight at Camp Carol Joy Holling in Ashland, NE

Seminar Dates

Participants are expected to attend a minimum of 80% of seminars to complete the program and graduate. Participants who miss more than 1.5 seminars will not meet the 80% requirement. The locations will be announced ahead of each seminar and will take place at a diverse range of venues throughout Lincoln. Seminars take place from 8:00 am – 2:30 pm to accommodate students needing to return to school for extracurricular activities.

- Community Visions Day: Thursday, September 24, 2026
- Business Day: Thursday, October 29, 2026
- Government Day: Thursday, November 19, 2026
- Civic Engagement Project: December 8 OR 9, 10am - 12pm
- Inclusive Leadership Day: Thursday, January 28, 2027
- Health Day: Thursday, February 25, 2027
- Arts and Media Day: Thursday, March 25, 2027
- Sustainability and Graduation: Thursday, April 29, 2027

Unpacking Meetings

Participants are expected to attend a minimum of two Unpacking meetings. Each meeting will take place at The Foundry (211 N 14th St.) in between seminars.

- 2026-2027 dates to be determined

NHRI Mentor Commitment

Participants are automatically paired with a mentor through the University of Nebraska–Lincoln’s Nebraska Human Resources Institute (NHRI). NHRI is a leadership organization that matches high-achieving sophomore college students with high school students who want to grow as leaders. College mentors go through a competitive selection process and take a leadership development course each semester to support their work. YLL participants will meet with their NHRI mentor for one hour each week for the rest of their high school experience. Find more information about [NHRI here](#).