



Empowering Youth Leadership Institute Program Announcement

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Do you know you are destined for something bigger but don't know where to start? Do you have a passion for helping others and seeing your community flourish? Do you ever ask yourself "How can I have a greater impact on my school, my community and my world?"

If you are a high school sophomore or junior in the Baltimore Metropolitan area and these statements apply to you, we have a program to help you strengthen, empower and build!

Baltimore Hunger Project's Empowering Youth Leadership Institute (EYLI) is designed to build leadership skills, provide opportunities for volunteerism, and encourage participation in collaborative programs to build a better you. *"This program helped me to gain very valuable lessons and skills that will help me for the rest of my life!"* Ellie C. Spring 2022 Graduate

Program Objectives:

- Increase knowledge of critical issues affecting the greater Baltimore area
- Create an awareness of the individual's role in the community
- Develop and enhance leadership potential in the participants
- Plan and implement a community project that will benefit the Baltimore community
- Build a network of diverse, authentic relationships with other youth peers from around the region
- Learn from the area's most influential change makers about various leadership topics such as leadership styles, inclusion, social action, and resilience.

Overarching Questions:

- What is food insecurity?
- How can I relate to it?
- Why does it matter?
- How can I make a difference?

"The EYLI program has given me the opportunity, resources, mentors, and support to flourish as a leader and as a student who commits to make the world a better place. We learned the tools and skills to truly take community service to the next level, such as financial literacy, research, data collection, and advocacy. This program widens your global lens, and reminds me, that the people we serve and who are in need, are human too just like you and me." Kare C., Spring 2022 Graduate

"I grew tremendously as a person, and am now a much better leader, decision-maker, public speaker, and overall a better member of my community! This program is truly incredible and was so amazing to be a part of!" Alison C., Spring 2022 Graduate

If you have up to 2.5 hours a week to participate in program activities, and you have the drive and willingness to expand your views and opportunities, this *"unforgettable experience"* is for you! September 2022 through June 3, 2023. Live 2.5 hour sessions meet one Sunday a month along with guest speakers, BHP packing experience, weekly check-ins, team building activities, discussion board posts, field trips and Capstone Project Showcase. This program qualifies for Community Service hours.

Click [this link](#) to complete the application by **Wednesday, September 7, 2022**. Be prepared to provide the names and email addresses of 2 references.

Please email EmpoweringYouth@BaltimoreHungerProject.org with any questions.