



## FBISD Student Leadership Program Application for 2010-11

The Board of Trustees wishes to invite FBISD 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who are interested in leadership development to apply for participation in its 2010-11 Student Leadership program. Through a series of seven monthly seminars, selected participants will explore their personal roles in community and school leadership and volunteer service. School Board members will sponsor and attend the student seminars on topics such as personal leadership skills, youth advocacy, service and volunteerism, local government in action, business, and health care.

This program is limited to 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who must apply to represent their high schools. The 2010-11 cohort will consist of 24 students with representation from all eleven campuses in the district. Applicants should be in good academic and behavioral standing; have an interest in developing their personal leadership skills; have obtained the written permission of their parents and school principal; and be willing to accept the attendance expectations before submitting an application.

If selected, participants will commit to a two-year program. In Year One as juniors, students will observe leadership in action, learn leadership skills from community and school leaders, and develop their own leadership skills. In Year Two as seniors, they will apply their leadership skills in support of school and community volunteerism projects and efforts including those sponsored by special FBISD projects at the campus and district level. Interested applicants and their parents should review their schedules and desire to make a two-year commitment prior to submitting an application as participants are expected to attend each 2010-11 seminar in its entirety. There will be no exceptions for scheduling conflicts for the Year One seminars. Full-day seminars are scheduled for the following Wednesdays during the school year: November 3, 2010; December 8, 2010; January 19, 2011; February 16, 2011; March 23, 2011; and April 20, 2011. In addition, there will be a final ropes course session on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. A reception for students with members of the Board of Trustees and the seminar presenters will be held on Monday, May 23, 2010, preceding the Recognition Ceremony for cohort participants and their parents at the Board of Trustees regular Business Meeting.

All seminars will begin at 7:15 a.m. and end at 2:15 p.m. in the Board Room of the FBISD Administration Building, 16431 Lexington Blvd, Sugar Land, TX. Students who have the written permission of their parent/guardian may drive to the FBISD Administration Building. Students needing district transportation for the program will be transported to and from Clements High School on the Global Languages Academy bus that stops at a cluster site in their neighborhoods. From Clements, they will be transported to the Administration Building. The seminars will be conducted at various sites in Fort Bend County, and district transportation to and from the seminar sites will be provided for all students. Students will be provided with lunch, snacks, and beverages during the day. On the first day of the seminar, students will participate in team activities at the Clements High School ropes courses and should wear comfortable clothing and athletic shoes. For all other days, their dress should be business casual.

Applications may be downloaded from the district's website at [www.fortbendisd.com](http://www.fortbendisd.com) > Board of Trustees > Student Leadership Program or obtained from each high school's front office receptionist. Applications are due no later than 4:00 p. m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, and must be brought to the Front Desk Receptionist/Board of Trustees or sent to the FBISD Board of Trustees, FBISD School Administration Building, 16341 Lexington Blvd, Sugar Land TX 77479.

Additional information regarding the program or the application process may be directed to Ms. Lynda Ruth, program facilitator, at [lyndaruth@fortbendisd.com](mailto:lyndaruth@fortbendisd.com).

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### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer the application questions on your own without the help of your friends or family. The Board of Trustees wants to know YOU, so feel free to express yourself. Complete all of the sections and questions and sign the application.
2. Please type or print your application clearly in black or blue ink.
3. Have your school principal sign your application form, excusing you from your classes on the days of the seminars.
4. Discuss the program, attendance requirements, and two-year commitment with your parent/s or legal guardian prior to submitting your application.
5. Have your parent or legal guardian sign your application form in the Attendance, Release, and Consent for Medical Care sections.
6. Sign the application yourself.
7. Enclose one letter of recommendation from a current or last year's high school teacher. Have your teacher answer these questions and statements in his/her letter of recommendation.
  - How long have you known this student?
  - What do you consider to be this student's primary strengths?
  - Describe one situation where you have observed this student in a leadership role.
  - Why do you think this student would be an excellent choice for this program?
  - Provide any other information that you would like to share with the Board of Trustees about this student.

**Your application must be received no later than 4:00 pm. on Wednesday, September 22, 2010.**

#### **Send your completed application to:**

Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees  
FBISD Administration Building  
16341 Lexington Blvd  
Sugar Land, TX 77479

or

#### **Bring your completed application to:**

Front Desk Receptionist/Board of Trustees  
FBISD Administration Building  
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Make sure your completed application includes **all** of the following requirements when you submit it so that you can be considered for one of the spaces in this year's cohort:

- (✓) a recent school picture or photograph
- (✓) your parent or legal guardian's signature
- (✓) your principal's signature
- (✓) the Letter of Recommendation from one of your high school teachers
- (✓) your answers to both (2) essay questions
- (✓) a copy of your end of year report card from the from 2009-10
- (✓) your signature

**NOTE: If your application is incomplete or you omit one of the requirements listed above, you will not be considered for this year's cohort.**

#### **Questions or Additional Information?**

Please contact Lynda Ruther, junior student leadership cohort facilitator, at [lynda.ruther@fortbendisd.com](mailto:lynda.ruther@fortbendisd.com).

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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Please complete all sections and obtain all required signatures on the Signature Page prior to submitting your application. All information on this page should be typed except for signatures. Specific instructions on how to format your required essays are given on page 3.

**Applicant Information (Please complete all requested information in black or blue ink.)**

Name: (First, Middle, Last)			
High School		Are you currently a high school junior? ____ Yes or ____ No	
Home Address			
City		Zip Code	
FBISD Student ID #	Date of Birth	Male	Female
E-mail Address			
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
If you need special physical or dietary accommodations, please describe:			

In case of an emergency, please contact:	
Relationship to student	Best phone number to call

**Transportation (Please check one category and complete information as requested.)**

<input type="checkbox"/>	I will need district bus transportation to and from the FBISD Administration Building on the days of the seminars.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I DO NOT need transportation to the FBISD Administration Building on the days of the seminars. I have my parent's permission to: _____ drive myself _____ ride with (name: _____) who also attends the program _____ ride with (name: _____) someone else  Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

**Attendance Acknowledgement**

Both my child and I understand and agree to the attendance requirements for this program and acknowledge that if selected, he/she will be required to attend every session in its entirety. I also understand that this program is a two-year commitment.	
Applicant's Signature	Date
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature	Date

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## SIGNATURE PAGE

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

### **HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S CONSENT:**

I hereby grant my permission for the student named above to participate in the *Fort Bend ISD Student Leadership Program*. If selected, the student will be excused from regular school attendance during seminar days.

**Principal's Signature**

**Date**

**PARENT'S RELEASE:** In granting permission for participation in the *Fort Bend ISD Student Leadership Program*, I hereby release and hold harmless the Fort Bend ISD and Board of Trustees and its employees or agents from and against any injury, loss, damage, accident, or expense arising out of, or in any way related to, participation in the FBISD Student Leadership Program. I acknowledge that I have carefully read this release and understand its impact and effect. I acknowledge that if I had any questions regarding this release, that I have exercised my right to have it reviewed and further explained to me prior to my signing.

**Parent/Legal Guardian Signature**

**Date**

### **PARENT'S CONSENT FOR MEDICAL CARE AND DISCLOSURE:**

I hereby give permission to the supervisors, instructors, and any other trained medical personnel to treat my child in a situation that requires medical attention. I authorize said supervisors and instructors to seek such medical advice, treatment, and services as they deem necessary, in their sole discretion, which may be necessitated because of any injury or illness suffered because of my child's participation in the activities of the Fort Bend ISD Leadership Program.

I further agree to accept any financial responsibility for the care and treatment of such injuries or illnesses and for such further medical services which are required, even though all attempts to contact responsible parties have failed and there is urgency with respect to my child's treatment, or in the case in which benefits of my health insurance have been depleted and additional medical expenses or loss of income occur.

I understand that any medication my child may need for severe allergies (including bee stings, food allergies), asthma or other such medical condition(s) must be brought with my child to the program.

I have read the foregoing document in its entirety, fully understand the same, and am freely and voluntarily signing my name to it.

**Parent/Legal Guardian Signature**

**Date**

### **PARENT'S CONSENT FOR PARTICIPATION:**

I hereby certify that all information contained in this document is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby give consent for my child to participate in the Fort Bend ISD Student Leadership Program.

**Parent/Legal Guardian Signature**

**Date**

### **APPLICANT'S CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

I hereby give consent to the Board of Trustees and the FORT BEND ISD to access and release all of the above information, including my photograph, as necessary to conduct the program and promotions.

I certify that all information contained in this document is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby acknowledge that this program is a learning experience beyond my classroom requirements, and I will participate and honor the expectations of this program to the best of my ability.

**Applicant's Signature**

**Date**

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**ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS**

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**ESSAY QUESTION FORMAT**

1. Each of your essays must be limited to 500 words, typed in 12 font New Times Roman, and double spaced using a left justified format. The top, bottom, and side margins should be one inch.
2. As you are limited to 500 words choose your words carefully and be sure to spell check your work. To count your words, you should select the text you want to count. Then using your Tools menu, click on Word Count to determine the number of words in your essay.
3. Your responses should be written and typed by you to reflect your own ideas.
4. You should have a separate page for each answer regardless of the length of your answer.
5. You are required to follow the typing format when answering your essay questions.
6. You should start your response by typing your first and last name followed by the initials of your school. Type the statement or question on the next line. Here is an example of how to prepare your name and the essay question at the top of each of your essay pages:

Jerry Jacksonville – DHS

- #1      What does the term “my community” mean to you and how would you describe the members of your community?

**ESSAY QUESTIONS**

Answer each of the following essay questions/statements using the format given above:

- #1      What does the term “my community” mean to you, and how would you describe the members of your community?
- #2      Identify and describe someone you consider to be an excellent leader. Explain why you admire this person.