



Young Women's Leadership Board Member Information

About The Program:

The Ophelia Project and Boys Initiative of Tampa Bay is recruiting a group of highly motivated young women between the ages of 18-24 to form the Young Women's Leadership Board 2009-10. Every young woman on the board will benefit greatly from a rich leadership training program designed specifically for young women. In turn, these young women will put their skills to use by planning and facilitating a conference, "Girls Guide to Life," for middle school girls in the spring. The focus of the leadership project is targeted towards empowering girls in Hillsborough County to believe in themselves, inspire healthy decision making and build positive relationships. Additionally, each member will be assigned a mentor to build a relationship who will help with successful completion of current goals and future aspirations. The objective of being a member of the YWLB is to build and develop your personal leadership style.

Benefits of Joining the YWLB:

As a board member, you will have the opportunity to:

- Participate in a 6-month leadership training program
- Be mentored by a deeply accomplished woman who is matched with you based on your personal and professional goals
- Develop friendships and networking opportunities with other young women in the Tampa Bay area
- Gain important career/resume building skills
- Give back to your community by working with middle school aged girls
- Course credit/internships hours are available for FT or PT students

Responsibilities of an YWLB Member:

- Attend leadership training sessions (November 2009-April 2010) missing no more than 2 meetings for program completion
- Meet or communicate with your mentor at least five hours per month (3 hours must be in person)
- Lead or co-lead a workshop at Girls Guide to Life event for middle school aged girls
- Pay program fee of \$100 (not paid until accepted; scholarships available)

Qualifications of an YWLB Member:

- Must be ages 18-24 and out of high school
- Passion for leadership, growth and empowering young women and girls

To apply to join the YWLB:

1. Fill out the YWLB Member Application.
2. Attach a resume with the names, phone numbers, and emails of 2 references.

Deadline: Oct. 1

Questions? Contact Kate Blackman, Program Coordinator, at 813-514-9555 ext 102 or kblackman@opbi.org.



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Member Application Form

Please fill out the application below and return via mail or email. Applicants will be notified of acceptance one week after application deadline has passed.

Name:

E-mail address:

Best phone number(s) to reach you:

Mailing address:

What area of Tampa Bay do you live in? Please type your zip code next to the area that most closely describes your neighborhood.

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| South Tampa | Northwest Hillsborough |
| North and New Tampa | University (USF) Area |
| Downtown Tampa | North Pinellas County |
| East/South Hillsborough | St. Petersburg |

Age:

What level of school have you completed?

Major:

Hobbies:

Where do you work and/or go to school:

What area of Tampa Bay do you work/go to school in? Please type your zip code next to the area that most closely describes where you work/go to school.

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Race/Ethnicity (optional):

How did you hear about YWLB?

Which of the following workshop topics would you be interested in developing for middle-school girls?

Please rank your top three choices:

- Creativity and the Arts
- Health, Fitness, and Wellness
- Education and Career Goals
- Money Management
- Diversity and Multi-Cultural Awareness
- Self-Esteem, Self-Confidence and Empowerment
- Understanding Relationships
- Other: _____

Which of the following topics are you personally interested in learning more about?

Please rank your top three choices:

- ___ Creativity and the Arts
- ___ Health, Fitness, and Wellness
- ___ Education and Career Goals
- ___ Money Management
- ___ Diversity and Multi-Cultural Awareness
- ___ Self-Esteem, Self-Confidence and Empowerment
- ___ Building Healthy Relationships
- ___ Professional and Social Networking
- ___ Life Planning
- ___ Other: _____

Please complete the following questions, keeping your answers to a total of one typed page, on a separate sheet of paper. These questions help us to get to know you better and understand what strengths you might bring to the YWLB.

- Describe your current leadership style. Please feel free to list adjectives.
- Please give an example of a time when you showed initiative and creativity to find a solution to a problem.
- What experience do you have working with youth? Do you have any special experience working with girls?
- What changes would you like to see for girls and women? (Please feel free to talk about any changes you think are important.)

Mail or email your completed application by **October 1, 2009** to:

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