

NEXT YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility

Q: Who is eligible to apply?

A: Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for this program:

- You must be a current high school junior (United States) or in year 12 (United Kingdom). High school seniors, year 13 students, and graduates are not eligible.
- You must be a citizen of the United States or the United Kingdom on the date your application is submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.
- You should currently be active in some form of theater or drama or plan to pursue it during your senior year of high school and/or in college.

Q: I am currently home-schooled. Am I eligible to apply?

A: Yes, applicants who are currently home-schooled are eligible to apply for this program.

Q: I'm planning to take a gap year before enrolling in college. Can I still apply?

A: Unfortunately, no. Applicants planning to take a gap year before enrolling in college are not eligible to apply.

Q: I am currently unsure of where I plan to attend college. Can I still apply?

A: Absolutely. Because this program is for high school juniors and year 12 students, we understand that the majority of applicants will not have applied to college yet.

However, in order to receive the funding, you must commit to a college by June of 2022. Funds will be given directly to your institution.

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Eligibility Form

Q: Why are we required to submit our annual household income?

A: This program and scholarship is need-based, and therefore not all students will be eligible to apply to the program. We ask for annual household income as a way to measure an applicant's eligibility for the program.

The information inputted is 100% confidential and is only reviewed by the scholarship committee.

Q: I submitted the eligibility form, but did not receive a response. What should I do?

A: Due to the large number of applicants, it may take us up to a week to review your eligibility form and get back to you.

If you do not receive a response from us after a week, please email info@educollaborative.org.

Q: I received an email saying that I am not eligible to apply for this program, but I think it's a mistake. What should I do?

A: All decisions made by the scholarship committee are final and we will not be accepting appeals due to the large number of applications.

Q: When is the scholarship application deadline?

A: The deadline to submit the eligibility form for both United Kingdom and United States applicants is **Saturday, May 1st at 5pm CST**. Late applications will not be accepted.

The deadline to submit your scholarship application for both United Kingdom and United States applicants is **Saturday, May 15th at 5pm CST**. Late applications will not be accepted.

This timeline is subject to change. We highly recommend that all applicants submit their eligibility form at least two weeks prior to the May 1st deadline to ensure that there is ample time to complete the application form.

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Q: When will the scholarship winner be chosen? How will they be notified?

A: Semi-finalists from the United Kingdom will be notified via email in June. Finalists will be announced in late June.

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All decisions are final.

Q: How will the scholarship award be paid?

A: We will send the award check to the financial aid office of the winner's academic institution or future academic institution in their name, and in the name of their institution (depending on the school's requirements). If the student's academic institution does not have a financial aid office, the student will receive the funding directly.

Q: How will my scholarship application be verified?

A: Before we award the scholarship, the winner will be required to verify their academic enrollment status by providing a copy of their most recent transcript. We may also request additional information, if necessary.

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Q: How should I get in touch with questions?

A: For questions regarding the scholarship or application process, please email info@educollaborative.org. We will try our best to respond to each inquiry in a timely manner.

Q: How many rounds are there?

A: Eligibility Round: The eligibility round is the first round of the application process. Applicants must fill out the eligibility form located on the main part of our website and will be notified within one week if they are eligible to move on to the next round. The deadline to submit an application for the eligibility round is **Saturday, May 1st at 5pm CST**.

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Application Round: Applicants that move onto the application round will be required to fill out an in-depth application consisting of general information, short essays, self-tape (optional), and more. The deadline to submit an application for the application round is **Saturday, May 15th at 5pm CST**.

Semi-Finalist Round: 15 semi-finalists from the United Kingdom will be selected and notified via email in June, and 15 semi-finalists from the United States will be selected and notified via email in late June. Semi-finalists will be required to participate in a virtual interview with the scholarship committee.

Finalist Round: 5 finalists from the United Kingdom will be selected and notified via email in late June, and 5 finalists from the United States will be selected and notified via email in late July. Finalists will be notified of their mentor and the award they receive. All finalists will participate in a Virtual Summit and Awards Ceremony in late July.

If you have any further questions, please email info@educollaborative.org.