

LEAD UP Application Summer 2019

Application Deadline is May 10th at 8:00 am!

Welcome to the LEAD UP Youth Achievement Program Online Application Form! Thank you for your interest in LEAD UP. The LEAD UP (Leadership, Education, Adolescent Development and Unlimited Potential) Youth Achievement Program is for racial/ethnic minority youth who are invited to participate in the program between 9th grade through the first year of college. The program provides leadership and college preparation supports for youth who really want to achieve in life, beginning with their education. To learn more about the Lead UP program visit myleadup.com.

ALL youth who want to participate in LEAD UP must complete either a new or continuing renewal online application by May 10th at 8:00 am. You are required to complete the online application if you are interested in participating in the program as either a: (a) new program participant, or (b) returning current LEAD UP Achiever who would like to continue/renew participation in the program.

Participation in the program includes the following:

Participation in the three-day summer academy at KU! The academy cost is \$170. If you need to subsidize some of the costs, please indicate it in the application as a limited number of partial scholarships may be available.

Participation in online weekly communications (e.g., text messages, emails) provided through the LEAD UP Collaboratory (myleadup.com) including the Achiever 365 blog and other tools.

Participation in monthly LEAD UP Meet Up sessions hosted with the partnering community or school organization who referred you to the program.

As part of completing the online application, you are required to:

Complete all questions in the online application. When you begin the application you'll need to finish. So, make sure you are ready and have some time before you begin the online application. However, if you are not able to complete the application in one go, please follow instructions below to save and return later to your incomplete application:

1. Ensure that you click on the "Save and Return later" button displayed on each page, when you need to exit.
2. A window will pop up with a code that you can use to resume your application process later. Be sure to copy the code for later use.
3. As soon as click on "Close" in the window that displays the code, you will be directed to a page that requests your email ID.
4. Please enter your email ID to receive a link to resume your incomplete application. It is not the same link that you used to start the application process.

5. You will be able to resume your application when you click on the link sent by email and enter the code that was displayed when you tried to save your work.

Provide well-written responses to the essay questions in the application (make sure you proofread). It is recommended that you review the essay requirements and complete the essay in another document like Word BEFORE you begin the online application. Then, you can copy and paste or attach the essay response into the online application (make sure if you copy and paste you check the formatting in the online application).

Submit all attachments that are a required part of the application including your most recent grade card from this school year. You will be required to upload/attach a copy or image of your grade report from the school year, including both fall and spring semesters. (If you recently finished the school year and haven't received your grade card yet, then submit your the grades that you can access from your online school portal.

Parents/Guardians must also complete the LEAD UP Parent/Guardian Consent and Approval Form by the application deadline.

If you have questions or need additional information contact Dr. Jomella Watson-Thompson at leadup@ku.edu.

Application Form for New Applicants:

1. Please choose one of the following responses that best describes your interest and participation in the LEAD UP program:

- I am a new applicant this year. I am applying to participate in the LU Achievement Program for the first time.
- I am a returning applicant. I have participated in the LU Achievement Program in a prior year and WILL continue participation in LEAD UP on this year.
- I participated in the LU Achievement Program in a prior year, but I will NOT continue to participate in the LEAD UP program on this year.

Are you participating in the ThrYve project in Kansas City, KS?

- Yes
- No

Please select if you're participating in any of the following summer programs (select all that apply):

- ThrYve Project in Kansas City
- Learn to Earn-Historic Northeast-Midtown Association, Kansas City, KS
- Boys and Girls Club, Kansas City, KS
- KCKPD Summer Job Program
- KCKPS Summer School
- KC United Summer STEAM Camp
- KC United Education and Youth Football and Cheer League
- Kids of Campus, Kansas City, Kansas Community College
- Heartland 180
- Police Athletic League
- ReachKCK
- Saturday Academy
- S.N.A.P.B.A.C.K
- Urban Scholastic Center
- Work Force Partnership
- Young Women on the Move
- Other
- Not participating in any other summer programs

Other Programs?

Participant ID

Third letter of your first name

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F
- G
- H
- I
- J
- K
- L
- M
- N
- O
- P
- Q
- R
- S
- T
- U
- V
- W
- X
- Y
- Z

Second letter of your mother's first name

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F
- G
- H
- I
- J
- K
- L
- M
- N
- O
- P
- Q
- R
- S
- T
- U
- V
- W
- X
- Y
- Z

Your middle Initial

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F
- G
- H
- I
- J
- K
- L
- M
- N
- O
- P
- Q
- R
- S
- T
- U
- V
- W
- X
- Y
- Z

Second letter of your last name

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F
- G
- H
- I
- J
- K
- L
- M
- N
- O
- P
- Q
- R
- S
- T
- U
- V
- W
- X
- Y
- Z

First letter of the month you were born

- J
- F
- M
- A
- M
- J
- J
- A
- S
- O
- N
- D

1a. What is your first name?

1b. What is your last name?

2. What is your Date of Birth?

3. What is your age?

4. Gender:

- Male
- Female
- Other
- Do not wish to answer

5. Race/Ethnicity:

- White
- Hispanic/Latino
- Black or African American
- Native American or American Indian
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Other

6. What is your current grade-level in school, at the time of completing this application?

- Eighth
- Ninth
- Tenth
- Eleventh
- Twelfth
- First Year College

Home Mailing Address:

7a. Street Address:

7b. City:

7c. State:

7d. Zip Code:

8a. Home Phone:

8b. Cell Phone:

9. Email address:

10a. Do you have a social media account? (This information is to help us add your profile to our social media accounts, so you may receive our communication about upcoming activities and events. We will not share this info with others)

- Yes
- No

10b. Do you have a Facebook account?

- Yes
- No

10c. What is your Facebook Username: _____

10d. Do you have a Twitter account?
 Yes
 No

10e. What is your Twitter Username: _____

10f. Do you have an Instagram account?
 Yes
 No

10g. What is your Instagram Username: _____

10h. Others (please provide username in parenthesis).
E.g. Pinterest (new_user) _____

School Info:

11. Name of School: _____

12a. Street Address: _____

12b. City: _____

12c. State: _____

12d. Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Info:

13. What is the first and last name(s) of your parent(s) and/or guardian(s)? _____

14. What is an email address of a parent/guardian? _____

14a. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Cell Phone Number: _____

15. Please provide two references who can speak to your performance and/or character. Please provide 1 personal reference (non-parent) and 1 school or work reference. Personal Reference:

15a. Name of Personal Reference: _____

15b. E-mail of Personal Reference: _____

15c. Phone number of Personal Reference: _____

15d. Relationship to Personal Reference: _____

15e. Professional Reference:

15f. Name of Professional Reference: _____

15g. Email of Professional Reference: _____

15c. Phone number of Professional Reference: _____

15h. Relationship to Professional Reference: _____

16. Essay Part 1 for New Applicants:

Provide a well-written response to tell us some background information about yourself. Develop the essay using appropriate sentences and paragraph structure. You are recommended to type your response first in a Word or another document and then copy and paste it into the online survey. (Note: After you copy and paste it into the online application, check the formatting to ensure the online format looks right.)

In your response, minimally discuss the following:

Who are you? What matters to you and why? Please provide some information to help us to get to know you. Tell us about yourself including a little bit about your family, spirituality, culture, character, education. Indicate if your parents and/or siblings attended college.

What are your interests? Tell us about your hobbies, interests, and the extra-curricular activities you are involved such as your school programs, after-school activities, and/or clubs.

What other educational programs have you been involved? Indicate any additional programs that you have participated to help you be a leader or succeed in school. For example, tell us about programs you've participated such as Gear-up, Upward Bound, Kauffman Scholars Program, or others.

How do you help others? Indicate any activities you do to volunteer, serve others and/or your community to make it better.

Essay Questions

Essay Part 1 Response: Upload your essay as a document.

17. Essay Part 2 for New Applicants: Why do you want to participate in the LEAD UP Youth Achievement Program?

What are your goals? Tell us about your goals are for yourself. What are your goals within the next one year, five years and ten years? What do you see yourself doing or becoming after high school?

What is your greatest concern about finishing high school and going to college? Tell us any concerns or challenges you have about finishing high school and going to college.

Why do you want to participate in LEAD UP? Please tell us why you want to participate in LEAD UP at the University of Kansas? Indicate what you hope will result from participation in the LEAD UP Program.

Anything else you'd like us to know about you? Provide any additional information you think may be helpful for the review committee to know about you and your interests.

Essay Part 2 Response: Upload your response as a document

Grade Reports

18. Indicate the overall GPA or both the fall and spring GPA for the school year ending in May 2019. _____

19. Please attach a copy of your grade card or a grade report from the school student portal if your final grade card hasn't been provided yet.

20. What are the top three careers that interest you the most? (E.g. Animator, Illustrator, Writer)

Career 1

(If you don't know, write in "Don't know.")

Career 2

(If you don't know, write in "Don't know.")

Career 3

(If you don't know, write in "Don't know.")

21. Do you currently have a resume?

Yes

No

21a. Please upload your resume.

Application Form for Returning Applicants:

22a. What is your first name?

22b. What is your last name?

23. What is your current grade-level in school, at the time of completing this application?

- Eighth
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Home Mailing Address:

24a. Street:

24b. City:

24c. State:

24d. Zip Code:

25a. Home Phone:

25b. Cell Phone:

25c. Email Address

26. Do you have a social media account? (This information is to help us add your profile to our social media accounts, so you may receive our communication about upcoming activities and events. We will not share this info with others)

- Yes
 No

26a. Do you have a Facebook account?

- Yes
 No

26b. What is your Facebook Username:

26c. Do you have a Twitter account?

- Yes
 No

26d. What is your Twitter Username:

26e. Do you have an Instagram account?

- Yes
 No

26f. What is your Instagram Username:

26g. Others (please provide username in parenthesis).
E.g. Pinterest (new_user)

26. Indicate the overall GPA or both the fall and spring GPA for the school year ending in May 2019.

26b. Please upload a copy of your grade card.

Parent/Guardian Info:

27. What is the first and last name(s) of your parent(s) and/or guardian(s)?

28. What is an email address of a parent/guardian? _____

29. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Cell Phone Number: _____

30. Please provide two references who can speak to your performance and/or character. Please provide 1 personal reference (non-parent) and 1 school or work reference. Personal Reference:

30a. Name of Personal Reference: _____

30b. E-mail of Personal Reference: _____

30c. Phone number of Personal reference: _____

30d. Relationship to Personal Reference: _____

Professional Reference:

30e. Name of Professional Reference: _____

30f. Email of Professional Reference: _____

30g. Relationship to Professional Reference: _____

Essay Questions:

31. Essay for Returning Applicants:

Provide a well-written response to tell us some background information about yourself. Develop the essay using appropriate sentences and paragraph structure. You are recommended to type your response first in a Word or another document and then copy and paste it into the online survey. You must answer both questions below (Note: After you copy and paste it into the online application, check the formatting to ensure the online format looks right.)

(a) Who are You? What Matters to You and Why?

Describe a problem you would like to help solve. It can be a personal, school, professional or community challenge, a problem that is of importance to you. Explain its importance to you and what steps could be taken to identify a solution.

(b) What are your goals and progress?

Tell us what your goals are for yourself. What are your goals within the next one year, five years and ten years? What goals did you set at LEAD UP on last year that you have worked to improve since your last KU visit? What goals did you set last year at LEAD UP that you need to continue working on? What do you see yourself doing or becoming after high school? Have your goals changed any in the past year regarding what you want to do after high school? What are you most proud of that you've accomplished in the past year?

Essay Response: Upload your essay as a Word document.

32. What are the top three careers that interest you the most? (E.g. Animator; Illustrator; Writer)

Career 1

(If you don't know enter "Don't Know.")

Career 2

(If you don't know enter "Don't Know.")

Career 3

(If you don't know enter "Don't Know.")

33. Do you have a resume?

 Yes No

33a. Please upload your resume.

34. Do you currently have an active LinkedIn Account?

 Yes No

34a. What is your LinkedIn username?

Additional Information

35. Do you have any health concerns that LU program staff should be aware? (Please identify allergies (to include foods), health problems, medications, or other concerns):

- Yes
 No

35a. If yes, please tell us about any health concerns:

Youth Permission Form

This page is required to be completed by any youth interested in participating in the program. It includes required youth group consent sections required by KU, for if you are invited to participate in the program.

36. Photo Release: I give permission to the University of Kansas, the Center for Community Health and Development, and their staff to use photographs, video images, or other likenesses of myself and the attached written statements, for the following purposes:

- Use in education and training activities and materials (including print and on line or electronic instructional materials) by the University and Center for Community Health and Development.
- Use in print or electronic form in public documents, speeches, or talks, brochures (handouts), newsletters/bulletins, by the University or Center for Community Health and Development.
- Use in websites for educational, public relations or promotional purposes which may result in the raising of funds for the Center for Community Health and Development.

I understand that the images and written statements described above may be included in, copied and shared in different forms of print or electronic media. I understand that my name will not be included with the images or statements.

I understand that I can change my mind about giving permission and cancel this authorization at any time so long as the material has not yet been used or shared. If I change my mind about giving permission, in order to cancel this authorization, I must contact the University and the Center for Community Health and Development in writing at the following address:

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University of Kansas
1000 Sunnyside Avenue, 4082 Dole Center
Lawrence, KS 66045
785-864-9484
communityhealth@ku.edu

If I change my mind about giving permission and cancel this authorization after images and statements have been used and shared, I understand that it might not be possible undo actions that have already taken place. If I change my mind about giving permission and cancel this authorization, the University and the Center for Community Health and Development will not use or share my images or statements for new purposes. Whether or not I give my permission for my images and statements to be used and shared, this will not change any treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility for services or benefits from the University and the Center for Community Health and Development. I understand that the images and statements may also be shared by those who receive and/or view them, and as a result, will no longer be protected by federal privacy rules.

I give my permission knowing that there is no promise of payment for doing so. The photos, video images or other likenesses and the attached statements become the property of the University of Kansas and I release to the University any right, title and/or interest of any kind that I may have in the information or images produced.

I agree

Comments about photo release:

37. Disclaimer: The group and sponsor organizations and its leaders, directors, officers, employees, contractors, agents, volunteers, members and representatives, are not responsible for any injury, loss or damage of any kind whatsoever sustained by any person or their property while participating in events, activities or travel with the group and all related activities associated with the group, including injury, loss or damage.

Yes, I agree.

38. Assumption Of Risks: IN CONSIDERATION OF the group allowing me to participate in events, activities, or travel and all related activities associated with the group, including participation in meetings, events, and all activities related to the group (collectively referred to as the "Activities"), I acknowledge that I am aware of the possible Risks, Dangers and Hazards associated with participation in the Activities including the possible risk of severe or fatal injury to myself or others.

Yes, I agree.

39. Release of Liability and Agreement: IN CONSIDERATION OF the group allowing me or my child to participate in the Activities, I agree on behalf of myself and/or my child:

1. TO ASSUME and ACCEPT ALL RISKS arising out of, associated with or related to my or my child's participation in the Activities.

2. TO WAIVE and RELEASE the group and any partnering organizations or institutions (University of Kansas) from any and all liability for any loss, damage, injury or expense that I or my child may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my or my child's participation in the activities due to any cause whatsoever.

3. TO INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS the group and any partnering organizations or institutions (University of Kansas) from any and all liability for any damage to the personal property of, or personal injury to, any third party resulting from my or my child's participation in the activities.

4. TO INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS the group and any partnering organizations or institutions (University of Kansas) from any and all claims, demands, actions and costs for any loss, injury, damage or expense whatsoever that might arise out of my or my child's participation in the Activities.

Yes, I agree to statements 1, 2, 3 & 4 stated above.

40. I, the undersigned Participant, voluntarily agree to participate in the Activity and will abide by the rules and expectations for participation in the activity. I understand that I am responsible to act in a safe and responsible fashion, to follow the instructions or directions of the persons in charge of the Youth Group and/or Activity, and to obey requests to comply with safety regulations as directed by the persons in charge of the Youth Group, including designated leaders, adult volunteers, and drivers of private or public transportation. I will be solely responsible for myself, will wear a seat-belt when available and will not disturb or distract the driver when using private or public transportation to travel to and from Youth Group activities. At all Youth Group sports events or other activities, I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to obtain and wear appropriate safety equipment. I will not endanger the safety of others or myself at any activities, outings or sports events of the Youth Group or when using private or public transportation for travel to and from such activities. I also understand that I may be photographed or appear in video for such purposes as deemed necessary.

Yes, I agree.

41. KU Facility and Housing Policies:

In order to participate in the LEAD UP Summer Academy and to use campus facilities, including staying in the dorms, using the food hall, and other amenities, The University of Kansas requires participants in the program to follow certain policies and regulations to protect and promote educational activity, maintain order, and manage behavior affecting the freedom and privacy of others. The University has the authority to establish and enforce campus and housing policies and regulations, consistent with applicable statutes and Board of Regents policies.

Obedience to the applicable laws, policy, procedures, and conduct rules of the University is expected of all residents, visitors, and guests. Acts contrary to federal, state, or local laws, and university regulations such as, but not limited to, sex offenses, gambling, possession and/or use of illegal drugs and/or controlled substances, theft, and disruption constitute violations of policy. Recognition of the personal and property rights of others is expected of residents, visitors, and guests. Weapons are prohibited in all Student Housing facilities. All facilities are alcohol-free and smoke-free. If any of these terms are violated, the youth(s) involved will be asked to immediately leave and parents/guardians are responsible for promptly picking up the youth from the summer academy (without any money returned if the youth did not complete the summer academy).

Yes, I understand and agree to abide by KU campus policies.

42. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A LEGAL AGREEMENT that is binding upon myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT and I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT by completing this agreement voluntarily (selecting the box), I am agreeing to abide by its terms and I am waiving certain legal rights that my child or I may have.

This Consent, Authorization and Acknowledgment shall be effective from the date this form is completed. I also understand by signing my name in the box below I am verifying that I am a youth who is interested in this program and will abide by the terms of this agreement.

Yes, I agree.

42a. Please check this box to confirm and verify you have the permission of your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) to participate in the program.

Yes
 No

42b. Enter the name of your parent(s)/guardian(s) who provided permission for you to participate in the program and will complete the Parent/Guardian consent form.

42c. Youth Signature:

43. Application Checklist: Select all that you have completed.

- I have complete the online application in its entirety.
- I have completed the essay requirement as a part of the application.
- I have attached/uploaded a copy of my grade card for both spring and fall semesters or the past school year.
- My parent(s)/guardian(s) have completed the "Parent Consent" application form.
- I understand that the cost for LEAD UP Summer Academy program participation on this year is \$170 and must be paid in full to the LU program prior to the start of the summer academy (can provide payment when first arrive at the camp). If you are experiencing a financial hardship, you may contact the LU program or comment below to discuss, but there is no guarantee that financial assistance can be provided.

43a. Comment about Program Participation and/or Financial Need/Subsidy

44. Date this consent form was completed by the student:
