



The Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation

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CYCLE

The Commonwealth Youth Conference for Leadership Effectiveness

The Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation is the charitable and educational arm of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police. It was launched in 1993 to design and implement leadership education and professional development programs for police officials in every community in Virginia. Our mission is simple "make Virginia communities safer by providing leadership education through partnerships among citizens, business and law enforcement."

We have partnered with the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech to create and implement the CYCLE program to develop the leadership skills so desperately needed by today's teens.

Mission

The mission of the Commonwealth Youth Conference for Leadership Effectiveness (CYCLE) is to provide the highest quality opportunity to young people across Virginia to both learn and use leadership skills in becoming valuable contributing members of society. This will be achieved through public and private partnerships. This program strives to promote an environment where our future leaders can learn and embrace the values of our diversity.



Program Goals

CYCLE will focus on the basics of leadership. Upon completion of this program, the participants will be able to:

- Gain an understanding of their leadership potential.
- Identify leadership characteristics that are positive.
- Demonstrate a better understanding of self and how to relate to others.
- Demonstrate effective communication to support positive interactions.
- Demonstrate problem analysis skills to assist in decision-making.
- Understand the value of teamwork.
- Understand the individual's role in our communities.

Attendance

To receive the certificate of completion from the CYCLE program, a participant must be in residence from opening to closing ceremony. Participants are expected to attend all activities as set forth by CYCLE. These activities include but are not limited to scheduled classes, free time activities, and learning sessions. Participants are not allowed to leave campus unless special permission is obtained from the CYCLE program director. Special permission is granted in cases of emergency only. These guidelines are in place to ensure the participants receive the maximum amount of benefits offered by this program.



Targeted Audience

This program was conceived by and is funded by the Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation to benefit students entering high school. CYCLE is unique in that it will serve students with recognized leadership potential but have not yet found their place in this new and challenging environment.

-Student must be recommended by a School Resource Officer (SRO)/Police Officer.

- Participants will be rising tenth graders.
- Participants will be between the ages of 13-15 years old.
- Students will have no major infractions on their discipline records.
- Students will have a minimum 2.0 grade point average.
- Student will complete an essay on an assigned topic.
- Student will provide a letter of recommendation supporting their desire to attend.



Selection Process

The selection process for this unique program will begin in the fall of each year with application information being sent to School Resource Officers/Police Officers of Police Departments. Officers will identify potential CYCLE candidates and begin working on the application packets. All packets must be submitted to Virginia Tech by the first of February. A technical committee composed of SROs from around the state, will meet to review the applications, nomination forms, essays and the letters of support. The technical committee will give consideration to ensure that qualified students from all areas of the state are represented. The nominating SRO/Police Officer will notify the students and their parents/guardians of their acceptance by early April. The students and their parent/guardian must complete and return the acceptance packet by early May. For specific dates, please check with your local SRO/Police Officer, The Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation, or call (540) 231-5566.





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Cost

Students selected to attend CYCLE do so at no cost to their parents/guardians. The Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation recognized the need for the CYCLE program and works with corporations, civic groups, police agencies and citizens to raise the necessary funds to support this program. A list of contributors is available upon request.

Location

Virginia Tech is located in scenic southwest Virginia, about 38 miles southwest of Roanoke. The campus borders U.S. 460 and downtown Blacksburg.

Transportation

Transportation to and from Virginia Tech's campus in Blacksburg, VA will be handled by the local Police Department. This information will be provided in the acceptance packet.

Information

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