

Thank you for your interest in the 2017 Student Leadership Institute (SLI) sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) on June 28- July 1, 2017. This four-day institute for rising fourth through twelfth graders is designed to prepare students to take more active roles in their schools and communities through character development, leadership development and service-learning experiences.

While this is a free institute for public schools in NC, space is limited. In order to be considered, you must complete all parts of the application and the adult mentor(s) for the team must be committed to attending a two-day training on April 25-26, 2017 to prepare for the institute.

This is a very competitive process. Please consider your responses to the questions carefully. Before completing the online application, download a paper copy from this site <http://charactermattersnc.com/ncdpi-student-leadership-institute/> to ensure that you have thoroughly considered all components. Please do not submit more than one application per team.

Applications are due by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 31, 2017. Due to the volume of applications, we are not able to offer extensions. You will be notified on or before April 7, 2017 of your acceptance. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

If you have any questions about the application or the Institute, please contact Fay Gore at fay.gore@dpi.nc.gov or Nakisha Floyd at nakisha.floyd@dpi.nc.gov . For phone inquiries, contact Bernadette Cole at 919.807.3847.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- * 1. Each team must have an adult mentor who will support the team as they creation at least one service-learning experience during the 2017-2018 school year and serve as the primary contact for the institute.

This person MUST be a school or central office employee. Note: At least one of the mentors MUST be a classroom teacher.

Who will serve as the Lead Mentor? Include your First and Last Name.

- * 2. What is the role of the Lead Mentor in the school or central office?

- * 3. Our primary means of contact will be via email. What is the best email address for which to communicate with the Lead Mentor?

- * 4. What is the best phone number to reach the Lead Mentor?

Phone Number

Indicate home, work, or cell

- * 5. Please include an alternate phone number.

Phone Number

Indicate home, work, or cell

- * 6. Will the team have a second mentor? If so, continue with questions 7-10. If the answer is no or not sure, skip to question 11. You will be able to add a mentor if your team is selected to participate.

Yes

No

Not sure

SECOND MENTOR INFORMATION (questions 7-10)

Note: Rooming assignments will be based on gender. Different genders will be housed on different floors. When making room assignments, we do our best to assign adult rooms as close as possible to their student rooms.

7. Who will serve as the second mentor? Include First and Last Name. Please note that the second mentor **MUST** also be a school or central office employee.

8. What is the second mentor's role in your school or central office?

9. What is the second mentor's email address ?

10. What is the best phone number to contact the second mentor?

Phone number

Indicate home, work, or
cell

DISTRICT & REGIONAL INFORMATION

* 11. Select your school district or charter school from the drop-down menu. If your school district or charter school is not listed, please include it in the space below.

Other (please specify)

Use The Map To Assist With Question 12.

* 12. Please indicate your school district's or school's State Board of Education district.

TEAM COMPOSITION

* 13. Are you applying as a school-based team or a district-wide team? If you are applying as a school-based team, please provide your school name and address below. If you are applying as a district-wide team, team members must be in the same grade span indicated in question #14.

- School-based (all students are enrolled at the same school)
- District-wide (students are selected from multiple schools in the same district)

School Name, School Address

* 14. What is the grade span for which you are applying? The grade span you select should be for the 2017-2018 school year.

- Elementary (grades 4-5)
- Middle Grades (grades 6-8)
- High School (grades 9-12)

Other (please specify grade level make-up)

* 15. How many students will comprise your team? (Each team **Must** contain at least 4 students.)

- 4
- 5
- 6

* 16. The Institute is seeking to maintain a diverse environment that will allow participants to better understand and value different backgrounds and perspectives.

Describe the make-up of your team and how it reflects diversity. This could include race, ethnicity, academic ability, leadership styles, socioeconomic status, culture, gender, etc.

TEAM READINESS

The following questions will assess your team's readiness to participate in the Institute and complete a service-learning experience during the 2017-2018 school year. It is not required that your team members have prior experience with character and leadership development or service-learning.

* 17. Has a team from your school attended the NCDPI SLI before?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure

If yes, what year(s) did they attend and what was the nature of the service-learning experiences(s) during the next school year?

* 18. Why would you like for your team to participate in the 2017 NCDPI Student Leadership Institute? In your discussion, include the needs of your school and community. Please limit your answer to 250 words.

* 19. How would you rate your team's level of comfort with service-learning? Note: You and/or your team do not have to have service-learning experience to participate.

- Novice (We have never engaged in service-learning practices.)
- Developing (We have heard of service-learning and are just beginning to experiment.)
- Intermediary (We have tried service-learning in the past with various degrees of success.)
- Advanced (Service-learning practices are firmly embedded in our school/district and we are prepared to share our service-learning experiences.)

* 20. How will your team's participation impact your team members, your school, your district and/or your community? Please limit your answer to 250 words.

* 21. If selected to attend the 2017 Student Leadership Institute, each team is expected to complete at least one service-learning experience during the 2017-2018 school year and submit a report documenting the process to NCDPI by April 30, 2018. Please check the box below indicating your understanding of this expectation.

Yes - Our team is fully committed to this expectation.

* 22. The likelihood of successful implementation of your service-learning project has a strong correlation to having administrative support.

Do you have your principal's and/or superintendent's approval to participate? You must receive principal or superintendent's approval if you are selected to participate.

Yes

No

Include his/her name, title, and email address

* 23. If your team is selected to participate at least one mentor will be required to attend the face-to-face training on April 26-27, 2017 in preparation for the institute. Please check your understanding of this expectation.

Yes - Our team is fully committed to this expectation.