

Mississippi Children's Museum President's Leadership Circle Program



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Mississippi Children's Museum
2145 Museum Boulevard
Jackson, MS 39202

What:

Leadership development program

Contact:

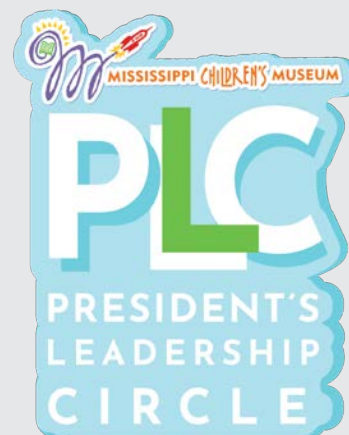
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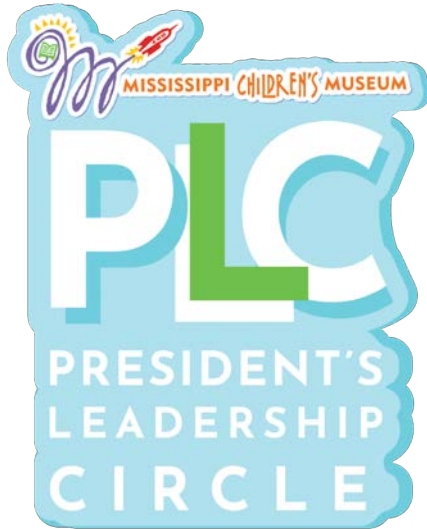
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20 high school students will be selected to join the President's Leadership Circle. To qualify, you must submit an application, be nominated by a school counselor, teacher, or administrator and write an essay about a time when you showed leadership.

The essay must be 500 words, font type Times New Roman, and double spaced.

For more information and to submit a nomination, contact:

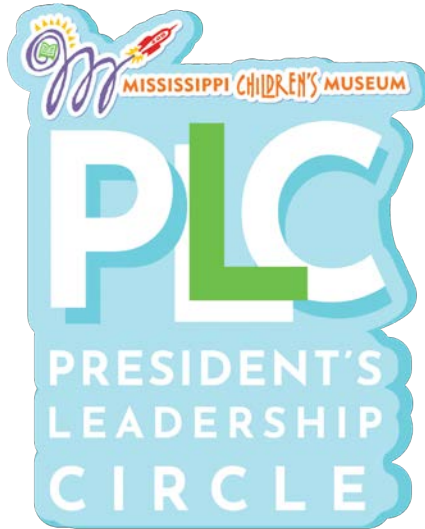
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Sessions held monthly from 4:00 - 5:00pm

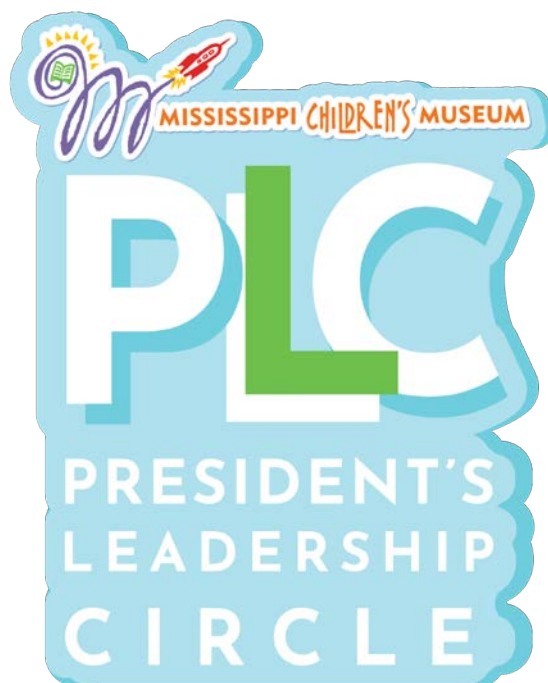
Goals

1. Improve leadership styles and decision-making skills that promote educational programming and community outreach.
2. Improve customer service and stimulate interest in cross collaboration among volunteers
3. Promote bonding to a culturally diverse community among youth to ensure that they remain engaged with MCM and communities
4. Career readiness is a process of preparing students with the essential skills they need to find, acquire, maintain, and grow within a job. College preparation focuses on ways to increase college access.
5. Student's engagement in community service provides them with the opportunity to become active members of their community. Most importantly, students learn that the work they do can make a real impact.

Application Checklist

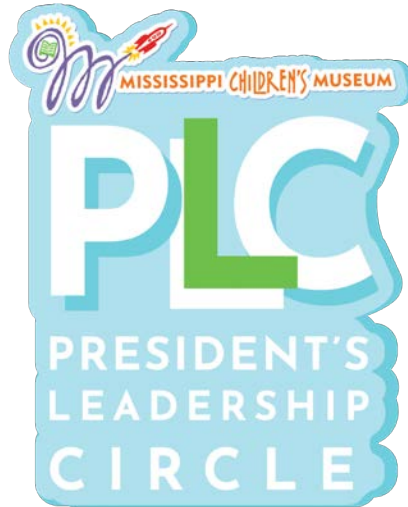
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1. Student Application
2. Parent Commitment Form
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4. Nomination Form
5. Essay



Application Materials

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Please submit all application materials to
Jason Hairston at the Mississippi Children's Museum

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Student Application

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Participant Information:

Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Gender: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Education Information:

School: _____ Grade Level: _____ GPA: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Alternative classes (gifted, exceptional ed., etc.): _____

Extra-curricular activities: _____

Awards and Recognition: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Relationship to student: _____ Cell: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like my child to participate in the President's Leadership Circle: Yes or No

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Commitment Form

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Student Commitment Form

I understand the program has weekly programming focusing on customer service, cultural diversity, and leadership sessions. I agree to participate fully in all aspects of the MCM-PLC program. If conflicts arise I will notify program staff immediately.

- I understand the program runs from October 2025 to March 2026. The graduation ceremony will be in April 2026.
- I agree to attend all activities with an open mind and work hard to make this program the best experience possible.
- I agree to follow the Codes of Behavior and Working Agreements set by our group.
- I agree to respect participants, staff and cultures.
- I agree to commit to set educational goals with MCM-PLC program staff.
- I understand I am responsible for keeping my parents informed about my transportation needs to and from the program.
- I agree to serve at least 60 community service hours, attending at east 2 special events at the museum, and participating in a group service activity.

Print Student Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Commitment Form

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_____ has my permission to participate in the Mississippi Children's Museum President's Leadership Circle Program (MCM-PLC).

- I understand I am responsible to arrange or provide transportation for my child to and from the program.
- I understand the program has many components including, but not limited to once a month cultural sessions, action team meetings, creating success initiative and the occasional special sessions.
- I agree to support my child's participation in all aspects of the MCM-PLC program.
- I will do my best to support the MCM-PLC program staff as they work on educational goals with my child.

Print Guardian Name: _____

Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Nomination Form

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All students who apply to the Mississippi Children's Museum President's Leadership Circle Program are required to have a mentor, counselor, teacher, partner, advisory board members, or civic community leader to complete this letter of recommendation.

Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge:

Student Name: _____

Your Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

How long and in what capacity have you known this applicant: _____

How frequently are you in contact with this student: _____ Almost daily
_____ Few times a month _____ Once a month _____ Other

Please describe the student's potential to be a leader: _____

Please describe a time in which you have seen this student motivated to accomplish something:

Please describe why this program will be beneficial to the student: _____

Nomination Form

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Please rate this applicant	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unsure
Ability to work with diverse				
Respectful of others				
Responsible				
Takes Initiative				
Open to new experiences				
Enthusiasm				
Emotional maturity				
Patience				
Friendliness				
Cooperative				
Ability to speak in front of				
Ability to manage time				
Ability to follow through on				

Any additional comments: _____



