



It' s your life- take charge.

**What is YELL?** YELL is an acronym for Young Emerging Leaders of Leflore. It' s an exciting, progressive, year-long youth leadership program that will engage high school juniors and challenge them to “take charge” of their lives while taking steps to developing their leadership skills.

**What will participants do?** YELL participants will have fun! Activities and sessions include learning about personal leadership styles, peer-to-peer feedback, how to communicate, dealing with diversity and conflict resolution, team-building skills, goal setting, community service, ethics, fact-finding and decision-making. All sessions will be led by experts in their respective fields, and participants will have a unique opportunity to be challenged, engaged, and tested in ways that will help develop them into the future leaders of tomorrow. Students will also complete the “Habitudes” self- leadership curriculum.

**Who can apply?** Any rising high school junior is encouraged to apply. Applications and essays will be reviewed by school counselors and principals, as well as the YELL Program Coordinator. Students from each school will be selected to participate in the program. A maximum of 25 students will be chosen to participate in the program. Selection will be based on willingness to commit time and energy to the program, a demonstration of leadership capabilities, and a short essay on why a student wishes to participate in the program. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for entry into the program.

**How much does it cost?** The program is FREE! The program is sponsored by the Greenwood- Leflore County Chamber of Commerce. All expenses, food, T-shirts, supplies, awards, any necessary transportation for trips and sessions is covered in the program.

**When does the program begin and end?** The program begins in August and continues through April. If necessary, schools will allow students to be excused to participate in the program sessions.

**What is expected of the participants?** Be committed to the program. Once you begin the program, be prepared to FINISH the program. No quitters allowed! Be excited. Be enthused. You will have fun! You will make new lifelong friends. You will be challenged. Participants are allowed to miss TWO sessions. Missing more than two sessions can result in dismissal from the program.