



# 2024 Youth Leadership Conference

## Camp Rancho El Chorro

### San Luis Obispo, CA

Session 1: July 8<sup>th</sup> – July 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Session 2 : August 5<sup>th</sup> – August 10<sup>th</sup>

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Dear Applicant:

Future Leaders of America, Inc. "FLA" – cordially invites you to apply to our 2024 Youth Leadership Conference.

This year, we are fortunate to host two leadership conferences:

- 1) July 8th – 13th, 2024 for Santa Maria Valley and Port Hueneme students and
- 2) August 5th-10th, 2024 for Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, and Oxnard students

This challenging six-day program will be hosted at Camp Rancho el Chorro in San Luis Obispo, CA.

Through our leadership training, we hope to challenge you in such a way that you will continue to strive for higher goals and continue on your path to excellence. The program will help you develop self-confidence, self-esteem, and valuable leadership skills. You will discover not only what it means to be a student leader but how to be a responsible citizen as well.

The cost of this week-long experience is \$500 however, through generous contributions made by individuals, businesses, corporations, foundations, and government entities, we are able to charge a fee of only \$50 once the applicant is accepted to the program. This \$50 fee covers the processing of the application and reserves a place for the applicant once accepted to the program. Fee waivers are available upon request.

To be considered for the FLA Youth Leadership Conference, you must meet the following requirements:

- Demonstrate a commitment to leadership and personal development
- Have a grade point average of approximately 2.5 in your school coursework. (Please contact us if you do not fulfill this requirement, but are still interested in applying).
- Complete an FLA Youth Leadership Conference application and drop it off to one of our offices, send it by mail or e-mail by **April 15th**. If you send it by email, please send it to [ylc@futureleadersnow.org](mailto:ylc@futureleadersnow.org) with the subject line: YLC 2024 Application - Your Full Name - Your Region (Ex: YLC 2024 Application - Santa Maria)
- If you prefer to complete the application digitally, please visit [futureleadersnow.org](http://futureleadersnow.org)

Once you have completed the program, you will be a "Future Leader" and will be eligible for all FLA programs throughout high school and college. You will have access to a student network of over 9,500+ alumni willing to mentor you through your high school and college careers. You will also have the opportunity to travel throughout California and attend university seminars at such prestigious universities as UCLA, UC Berkeley, and Stanford, UC Santa Cruz, and meet nationally recognized leaders. The opportunities abound for you in FLA are endless. Take the challenge and apply today!

We look forward to reviewing your application and meeting you personally in the near future. If you or your parents/guardians need additional information in English or Spanish, please call us at **805-387-7244**, or e-mail at [ivette@futureleadersnow.org](mailto:ivette@futureleadersnow.org)

Sincerely,

Ivette Peralta (she/ella)  
Director of Annual Programs  
Future Leaders of America



## APPLICATION FORMS (Please type or use black/blue ink.)

**PART 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION-TELL US ABOUT YOU!** Complete the following application form. All information provided is fully confidential and will only be used for our application process and reporting purposes.

*Participant Full Name:	*School You Currently Attend: *School Phone Number:	*GPA:	
**Today's Date:  T-shirt size:	*Age:	*Date of Birth:	*Grade
*Home Address (*City, State Zip):	*Participant Phone #:  *Participant Personal Email:		
Household Size (# of people living in your home including yourself):	Yearly Household Income (Estimated Monthly Income x 12):		
*Ethnic Origin: <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latina/o/x <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern or North African <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Biracial or Multiracial <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to State <input type="checkbox"/> Other/ Ethnic Subgroup:			
Gender Identity: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Binary/ Gender Non-Conforming <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to State <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
Sexual Orientation: <input type="checkbox"/> Gay <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian <input type="checkbox"/> Heterosexual/Straight <input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual <input type="checkbox"/> Queer <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to State <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
Primary language: <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	Do you identify as Indigenous?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to State	Tribal Affiliation:	
*Parent/Guardian 1 Full Name:  *Phone: *Email:	Highest Level of Education: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary <input type="checkbox"/> Middle-School <input type="checkbox"/> High-School <input type="checkbox"/> Community-College/Trade School <input type="checkbox"/> University <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Parent/Guardian 2 Full Name:  Phone: Email:	Highest Level of Education: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> Community College/Trade School <input type="checkbox"/> University <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
<p><b>How did you hear about FLA?</b> _____</p>			
<p>Current living situation (Optional) <b>*Your answer will not impact acceptance into the program</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Living at home with one or both parents/guardians <input type="checkbox"/> House insecure with one or both parents (living in a shelter, temporarily staying with friends or family, couch surfing, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> House insecure alone <input type="checkbox"/> Living in a home with more than 1 family <input type="checkbox"/> Living in a foster or group home <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional housing <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to State			
<p>Have you ever been mandated to appear in Juvenile Court or Criminal Court? (Optional)</p> <p><b>*Your answer will not impact acceptance into the program</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Court <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Court <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Neither <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to State			



## PART 2: SELECT CONFERENCE DATES

This year, we are proud to host two conferences! Due to school calendars, Santa Maria students will attend the first session (July) and Santa Barbara students will attend the second session (August).

**Session 1:** July 8th – 13th, 2024 for Santa Maria Valley and Port Hueneme students and

**Session 2:** August 5th-10th, 2024 for Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, and Oxnard students

## PART 3: ACTIVITIES

Tell us about the clubs, organizations, or organized sports in which you have been active. You may also include work-paid experiences. Please list them in order of most recent and include your responsibilities in that role.

### Activities in School

### Years Involved

### Grade(s)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

### Activities Outside of School

### Years Involved

### Grade(s)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

## PART 4: PERSONAL STATEMENT

We want to get to know you! Please provide us with a 500-word max (one-page) personal statement on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application. Tell us why you would like to participate in FLA's Youth Leadership Conference and include the following:

1. Your interests, hobbies, and future goals.
2. Activities in school, home, and your community.
3. Also share your thoughts on how leaders can best respond to issues affecting black, indigenous and people of color (e.g.COVID-19, Global Warming, Immigration, Poverty, etc. ). Please, send it via email.



## **PART 5: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Submit at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or staff member at your current school. If you feel that a second letter of recommendation will help us evaluate your application, you are welcome to include it. Please attach the letter (preferably in a sealed envelope) to this application or send it via email to [ylc@futureleadersnow.org](mailto:ylc@futureleadersnow.org) (Letters from immediate family or relatives will not be accepted). For more information on how to request a letter or recommendation visit:

<https://www.coursera.org/articles/how-to-ask-for-a-letter-of-recommendation-template-tips>

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## **PART 6: SCHOOL GRADES**

Obtain a copy of your official school transcript and submit it by attaching it to your application packet or by emailing it to [ylc@futureleadersnow.org](mailto:ylc@futureleadersnow.org).

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## PART 7: MEDICAL CLEARANCE AND PARTICIPANT CONSENT FORMS

If you are to participate in FLA's Youth Leadership Conference or any other FLA approved, fundraising, programming and advocacy events, you and your parents/guardians must complete the following forms. You cannot attend the conference if the following forms are fully completed, signed and submitted. Note: All medical history is considered confidential.

### PARTICIPANT CONSENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

I \_\_\_\_\_, understand that my child \_\_\_\_\_, chose to enroll in the 2024 Youth Leadership Conference, and participate in any other FLA approved programming, fundraising or advocacy events in 2024. I give consent for my child to participate in this summer Youth Leadership Conference provided by Future Leaders of America Inc. (FLA), and confirm that they will be attending the following session this summer (please, select one):

- 1) July 8th – 13th, 2024 for Santa Maria Valley and Port Hueneme students and
- 2) August 5th-10th, 2024 for Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, and Oxnard students

I understand that my child will be transported to Camp Rancho El Chorro in San Luis Obispo, CA by bus and will return in the same manner. At the Youth Leadership Conference, he/she/they will have the opportunity to participate in academic activities and physical activities that may be rigorous. My child agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations during all the activities.

I understand that the participants must behave in accordance with the rules stated in the code of conduct throughout the program. Any violations of these rules and regulations will result in a phone call to the parents/guardians in order to arrange transportation back home.

Also, I, the parent/guardian, give my permission to Future Leaders of America Inc. to include my name, my child's name, and image, and work in evaluation reports or to inform the general public of any accomplishments and participation in this Youth Leadership Conference or any other FLA approved programming, fundraising or advocacy events in 2024.

#### Release of Liability

By signing the bottom portion of this page, I further agree to waive all liability from Future Leaders of America Inc., their respective board members, officers, employees, and volunteers, individually, or collectively from any costs, loss, lawsuits, actions, and payments, including legal costs and lawyers that may arise in connection to the Leadership Camp including any personal or physical injuries, loss of property, or any other damages including death.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name



## **PARTICIPANT MEDICAL RELEASE & CONSENT FORM**

Participant and parent/guardian must complete this form before participating in any FLA programs and events. Parent signature required if participant under 18 years of age. Please complete this form in black or blue ink.

### **PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial	Birth date	Birthplace
Male/Female/Transgender/Gender Non-conforming/Other	Ethnicity	Participant Phone #

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (PARENT/GUARDIAN(S))**

Last Name, First Name	Relation to Participant	Phone Number
Last Name, First Name	Relation to Participant	Phone Number

### **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Do you have health insurance? Yes ( ) No ( )

Medical Insurance Provider	Physician's Name	Phone Number
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**IMMUNIZATION:** A vaccination card is required to participate or proof of a negative covid test.

**COVID-19 Vaccine:** Date of 1st dose \_\_\_\_\_ Date of 2nd dose \_\_\_\_\_ Check if not received

### **MEDICATIONS**

Do you take any **over the counter** (OTC) medications that you will be taking during the conference? Over the counter medication refers to medication that you do NOT need a prescription for (i.e. Tylenol, Advil, Allergy, Antacids) Yes ( ) No ( )

Do you take any **prescribed medications** that you will be taking during the conference? This is medication prescribed by a physician. Yes ( ) No ( )

State name, dosage and frequency for each medication. Please include original packaging.

<b>Medication:</b>	<b>Instructions</b>

Do you use an inhaler? Yes ( ) No ( )





**Do you have any allergies?** (Medications, food, etc.) Yes ( ) No ( )

**Do you carry an EpiPen?** Yes ( ) No ( )

Food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies to medication: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have impairments in the following areas?**

Hearing ( ) Vision ( ) Other ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ None ( )

**Do you have any limitations to physical exercise?** Yes ( ) No ( )

**Do you have any ongoing medical/emotional problems that might impact your ability to partake in camp activities?** Yes ( ) No ( )

If you answered yes to any of the last 2 questions, please explain:

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**DIETARY NEEDS**

FLA staff will make the best attempt at ensuring students have their dietary needs met; it is up to participants and parents to communicate needs prior to the trip. We can only accommodate so much while we are camping or on a trip when food preparations have already been made. At a time when participants decide not to eat due to “pickiness,” FLA staff will contact parents for the safety and wellbeing of participants. ***Eating disorders can be detrimental to the health of a participant, particularly in the altitude and warm climate at the conference. Some disorders such as anorexia cannot be accommodated at the conference. For their personal safety, participants discovered to have eating disorders will be sent home.***

**Do you have any special dietary needs?** Lactose intolerant ( ) Diabetic ( ) Vegetarian ( )  
Vegan ( ) Gluten free ( ) Religious beliefs ( )

Other, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Student loves to eat:</b>	<b>When we are traveling/short on time, participant can eat:</b> (e.g. fast food, deli, grocery store, etc.)
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**PARENT/GUARDIAN MEDICAL RELEASE AND CONSENT AGREEMENT**

My signature below indicates that I have read and consent to all documents above. I affirm that the information provided by me/us in this health clearance form is correct, and I consent to its release to FLA.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned parent/guardian agree to the following:

1. Authorize Future Leaders of America personnel to obtain medical attention for my child if necessary.
2. Authorize Future Leaders of America personnel to dispense over-the-counter medication as needed.
3. Authorize Future Leaders of America personnel to dispense prescription medication as prescribed.
4. Authorize Future Leaders of America to use any photos and/or project documents of and by participants.
5. To NOT hold Future Leaders of America responsible for any and all unforeseen accidents and situations out of their control.
6. Authorize Future Leaders of America staff and adult volunteers to transport youth in personal vehicles as needed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name



## WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

The facilities at Campamento Rancho El Chorro are comfortable but not extravagant. You will need to bring your sleeping bag, personal items, and comfortable clothing for the duration of the camp. Please take note of the items you will need to bring, and those we ask you NOT to bring to camp. Please, pack light. Upon check-in and before loading the bus, we may ask students to downsize their luggage if it is too big.

### MAKE SURE YOU BRING THE FOLLOWING ESSENTIALS:

<p><b>Toiletries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Towel</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo &amp; soap</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste &amp; toothbrush</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sandals for the shower</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other necessary personal items</li> </ul> <p><b>Optional</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Camera</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Snacks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hydration packets</li> </ul>	<p><b>Daytime</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Camp appropriate clothing for 5 days             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pack light!</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clothes appropriate for very warm weather</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable shoes (must be flat and close-toed)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reusable water bottle</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>(No plastic water bottles at camp)</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clothing for pool/water activities</li> </ul> <p><b>Nighttime</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag OR blanket &amp; sheets</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pillow</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Warm clothes to sleep in</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight &amp; batteries</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Warm clothes for the evening</li> </ul>
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### PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Drugs, alcohol, or other substances including vape pens, e-cigarettes...etc.</li> <li>2. iPads, video games, or other electronic devices</li> <li>3. Money</li> <li>4. Valuable items of any kind</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Animals</li> <li>6. Clothes inappropriate for “school” (no clothing with vulgar or sexual language or that promotes violence)</li> </ol>
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There will be consequences for students who bring the “do not bring items,” items will be confiscated and the student may be asked to leave the conference immediately. **Please put your name on all your personal belongings, Future Leaders of America is not responsible for lost items.**

**By signing below, I acknowledge that I have reviewed the information above and I agree to check my child’s belongings before they get on the bus to ensure that he/she/they are only taking what is allowed.**

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_



## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

We trust that all participants will remain on their best behavior during in-person programming. This means that certain activities are prohibited within our organization. Failure to follow these rules will jeopardize the continuation of the participant in current and future activities sponsored by Future Leaders of America, Inc. The offending participant(s) will be sent home immediately if a violation occurs. Parents will be notified of the problem and will be asked to pick up the participant. The Rules of Conduct exist to promote a safe, productive, and inclusive environment for all participants, any person who does not observe these Rules of Conduct will be dismissed from the program.

## **RULES TO REMEMBER**

1. No smoking or use of alcohol or drugs.
2. There is zero tolerance for harassment, bullying, or physical fights.
3. All participants **MUST** be in assigned areas during scheduled programming i.e.: FLAMA meetings/university seminars, YLC, FLC, and other FLA approved events.
4. You must follow your Youth Organizer's and all FLA staff and interns' instructions and show respect at all times. If you have any problems, speak to your Youth Organizer or next available staff.
5. The use of any cell phone, tablet, gaming device, etc. is not allowed during program activities.
6. Taking photos or videos of participants/staff without their consent and publishing them on social media is strictly prohibited.
7. Respect the rights and property of others. Damages sustained because of vandalism will be paid for by those responsible.
8. Weapons of any kind (guns, knives, etc.) are strictly prohibited.
9. Personal animals are not allowed.
10. No romantic relationships.
11. At FLA we aim to foster an inclusive and safe environment, respect to all individual backgrounds and beliefs is expected.

## **COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES**

12. Masking is recommended, especially in indoor events
13. Frequent hand washing is recommended.
14. Participants are mandated to stay home if they are sick or have any flu-like symptoms.
15. A vaccination card is required to participate or proof of a negative covid test.  
(We have religious exempt forms upon request).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name

**If you fail to abide by these rules and covid-19 guidelines, there will be consequences.  
You may be asked to leave the program immediately.**



## MEDIA RELEASE AND CONSENT FORM

During FLA's Youth Leadership Conference, and other FLA approved events, we will be taking photos and video images to capture the event. Images from the event may be used in organizational presentations, and educational materials, and may be included on the FLA's website (futureleadersnow.org) and social media pages. Please check mark the following statements and sign below if you agree with the following.

- I/My Child can appear without payment on the FLA website or other media.
- FLA may use and reuse my / my child's pictures and/or statements made by me / my child from Youth Leadership Conferences for any educational use.
- FLA can use my / my child's pictures so as to amount to a direct endorsement by me / my child of any product or service.
- My signature below shows that I have carefully read and understood the release and I agree to accept its provisions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name

\*Print Name of Signor (parent/legal guardian if participant is under 18)

## CHECK-OFF LIST FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION

- The application form is filled out completely and correctly; *typed or in black/blue ink*, and has been mailed or dropped off at one of our FLA offices, or scanned and sent via e-mail to [ylc@futureleadersnow.org](mailto:ylc@futureleadersnow.org) with the subject line:  
**YLC 2024 Application\_Your Full Name\_Region**  
**(Ex: YLC 2024 Application-Your Name-Santa Maria)**
- Your 500-word max personal statement is written in essay form and attached to this application and has been dropped off with your application, sent by mailed, or e-mailed.
- Letter(s) of recommendation is attached to the application and has been dropped off with your application, sent by mail, or e-mailed.
- The official school transcript is attached to the application and has been dropped off with your application or sent by mail or e-mail.
- The application, medical clearance and consent forms are fully completed, signed and submitted.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US. OUR CONTACT INFORMATION IS ON THE COVER PAGE.**