Building Tomorrow’s Leaders Jr. is a civic engagement and leadership program geared to upper elementary and middle school students.

**Program Goals:**
- Explore leadership in schools and communities.
- Practice essential leadership skills.
- Complete a service-learning project.

The modules take students through hands-on activities and thought-provoking discussions to learn and improve:
- Confidence
- Problem solving
- Planning and organizing
- Cooperation
- Dealing with conflict
- Taking responsibility
- Interpersonal communication

The program includes:
- Ready-to-use resource divided into eight modules that can be adapted to meet student and program needs.
- Up to $500 mini grants available for activities, lessons and project supplies depending on number of students and program implementation ideas and requests.
Program Modules

♦ Principles of Leadership — Follow Me
  Understanding characteristics of a good leader is important when developing one’s leadership style.

♦ Effective Communication — Let’s Talk About Talking
  Proper communication is one of the most important practices when working in a group. Young people should be aware of ways in which we communicate and develop good listening skills.

♦ Effective Meetings — I’m a Parli Pro!
  It is important for youth to understand proper parliamentary procedure. A structure to make fair decisions, keeping a meeting to a timely schedule and allowing each voice to be heard are important factors.

♦ Career Preparation — My Future
  Being responsible is an important trait to be successful in school, organizations and work experiences. Making a good impression is important.

♦ Leadership Etiquette — Manners Matter
  Because of busy schedules, youth may not have the opportunity to learn and practice good table manners. Digital citizenship is learning about responsible technology use.

♦ Conflict Management — It’s Ok to Disagree!
  Did you ever wonder why some conflicts are resolved peacefully and others end with someone getting hurt or angry? Conflict itself is not bad; it is how we deal with conflict that will make the difference. Learning how to manage conflict helps us understand how to work as leaders with others.

♦ Community and State Exploration — My Town, My State and Me
  Civic engagement is actively participating in your community and includes character, knowledge of government, community service and engagement in local issues.

♦ Project Management — Helping Hands
  Learning about group dynamics is important to team success. Planning and implementing a project is a great way to promote leadership qualities, build confidence, give youth the opportunity to share their leadership skills with the rest of the community and teach them the rewards of giving to others.

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