

# BUILDING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

## Civic Engagement in North Dakota

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.
- ◆ Mini grants are available for activities, lessons and project supplies depending on number of students and program implementation ideas and requests.

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### 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**

Learning effective communication will enhance a leader's ability to guide his/her team. Young people need to 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**

Youth may not have the opportunity to learn and practice good table manners because of busy schedules. Digital citizenship prepares youth for responsible technology use.

#### ◆ **Conflict Management — It's Ok to Disagree!**

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**

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 community and teach them the rewards of giving to others.

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