

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for the Inspire program and how do they apply?

Full-time high school students are eligible to apply. Ideal candidates are incoming juniors and seniors who have leadership experience or leadership potential. Teachers and organization leaders are highly encouraged to recommend exemplary students and may do so online. Upon completion of the application, students will be contacted via email and interviewed prior to being admitted to the Leadership Academy.

Where and when will the Leadership Academy occur?

The Leadership Academy typically occurs in July or August at a local state university. The exact date and location will be released as they become available.

What is the cost of participation for the Inspire program and the Leadership Academy?

There are no costs associated with participation in the Inspire program. Regarding the Leadership Academy and regional meetings, the Inspire program covers the costs of overnight stays, Academy fees, and meals. There are no registration or application fees. Inspire does not cover the cost of travel to and from Inspire events.

Who covers costs associated with the Inspired Year?

Inspire U.S. is a program of Project High Hopes, a 501(c)3 foundation which supports innovative programs in the areas of civic responsibility, public safety, worldwide health and veterans' assistance.

What are the expectations for student participants?

As representatives of their schools, students are expected to uphold the program rules outlined in the Code of Conduct. Students must treat all facilities, staff, volunteers, and fellow representatives with respect at all times. Additionally, students must adhere to the program rules and direction of staff to ensure a safe and productive Inspired Year. Students who fail to abide by the rules and Code of Conduct may be dismissed and those who recommended them will be notified. Once committed to the Inspired Year, students must adhere to the attendance guidelines and program expectations, or they may be dismissed from the program.

How do you ensure student participants are properly supervised?

Inspire U.S. takes student safety very seriously by ensuring there is adequate adult supervision, a clear set of safety standards, and a Code of Conduct to which all students and parents must adhere.

There are additional safety precautions to ensure the safety of all program participants at the Leadership Academy:

- Students are prohibited from having visitors or leaving the program prior to its conclusion.
- All sessions, trainings, and activities will be supervised by Inspire staff, mentors, program volunteers, and local educators.
- All staff, advisors, and volunteers are selected through an application and interview process and are required to pass a thorough background screening.
- Students are strongly discouraged from driving to any overnight events. Should a student need to drive, additional waivers will need to be completed and the keys to the vehicle must remain in the possession of Inspire staff until the conclusion of the event.

Inspire focuses on voter registration. Is this a political program?

Inspire U.S. encourages voter registration and participation in the electoral process as a right and responsibility afforded by our Constitution. As a 501(c)3 organization, Project High Hopes strictly maintains a nonpartisan position in encouraging student leaders to engage in improving the civic health of their communities.