



Dear Looking Ahead Parent(s),

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Looking Ahead Leadership Council member!

Leadership Council is where young professional performers make new friends, learn valuable leadership and life skills, build self-confidence, and participate in engaging discussions and activities. Leadership Council parents also meet to listen to industry guest speakers and learn helpful resources to help families navigate through this unique world of entertainment.

Meetings will take place monthly on Wednesday evenings from September through May with an end-of-the-year celebration at our annual awards banquet in June.

Looking Ahead Leadership Council meeting facilitators:

9-11: Melody Lawson, Education Counselor

12-14: Vy Nguyen, Youth Services Specialist

15-18: Chris Smith, Social Work Supervisor

Parents: Tina Hookom, Actors Fund Director of Social Services – Western Region

Please look over the following application and discuss with your young performer. If you are interested in joining our Leadership Council, please return the completed forms by **Wednesday, September 7, 2016**. Please mail, fax, or email to:

**The Actors Fund
Attn: Melody Lawson
5757 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 400
Los Angeles, CA 90036
Fax: (323) 933-7615
mlawson@actorsfund.org**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact **Melody Lawson at 323-933-9244 ext. 436 or mlawson@actorsfund.org**

We're looking forward to a great year!

Looking Ahead Staff



Leadership Program Dates 2016-2017 (Ages 9-18 & Parents)

DAY: Third Wednesday of every month

TIME: 6:00pm-8:00pm (all ages)
Dinner is provided at each meeting.

PLACE: 5757 Wilshire Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90036
9-11: Actors Fund Offices (Suite 400)
12-14: Bella Bruck Room (1st Floor)
15-18: Maxwell Room (1st Floor)
Parents: Cagney Auditorium (1st Floor)

[2016](#)

September 21st
October 19th
November 16th
December 14th

[2017](#)

January 18th
February 15th
March 15th
April 19th
May 17th

[Annual Banquet Awards Night \(Evening\)](#)

Wednesday, June 7, 2017 (all ages)

[Retreat Days 2016-2017](#)

12-14 and 15-18 age groups will each have a retreat in Fall 2016.
9-11 age group will have a retreat in Spring 2017.
Dates and times to be announced!

[Looking Ahead New Member Orientation Dates](#)

Thursday, September 8, 2016, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 6:00 – 8:00 PM



LEADERSHIP COUNCIL APPLICATION 2016-2017

*** PLEASE CHECK ONE AGE GROUP 9-11 12-14 15-18

Youth Member Information:

Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Age: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Current Grade in School: _____

Name of Current School: _____

Type of School: (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Charter School	<input type="checkbox"/> Set School (studio teacher)
<input type="checkbox"/> Home School	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Learning Academy
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Study	<input type="checkbox"/> Community College
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> University
<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational/Trade School

Parent/Legal Guardian Information: (fill in completely)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (Home): _____

(Cell): _____

Preferred method of contact (please check all that apply):

Home Cell Mail

Primary Mailing Address:

Do you have a Facebook account?

Yes No

Do you currently receive our monthly newsletter?

Yes No

Youth Leadership Applicant: Tell Us More About Yourself...

1. Please share two reasons why you are interested in being part of Leadership Council:

- _____

- _____

2. When not in school, what activities and hobbies do you like to participate in? _____

3. Number of years you have been in the business: _____
How did you get started? _____

4. If you could choose another career other than acting, what would it be?

5. A) What do you think your strongest/best qualities are?

B) What about yourself would you like to change/work on/grow?

6. What types of skills or topics are you interested in learning more about?

7. Favorite Game: _____

8. Favorite Type of Food: _____

9. Favorite Candy/Chips: _____

10. Favorite Pizza Toppings: _____

11. Allergies? (Peanuts, strawberries etc.) : _____

12. T-shirt size: XXS XS S M L XL

Looking Ahead 2016-2017 Leadership Council Roster

Want to connect with other Looking Ahead families for carpools, birthday party invitations, get-togethers and more? We are creating the Looking Ahead Roster for the 2016-2017 year! The roster will include the young performer's name, contact (phone and email), and area of town they live in, as well as the parent(s) name and contact. Please indicate below whether or not you would like to be included!

YES, I want to be included in the new Looking Ahead Roster!

NO, I do not wish to be included in the Looking Ahead Roster.

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

**LOOKING AHEAD LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
AGREEMENT**

Transition Policy:

Leadership Council groups are separated by age brackets: 9-11, 12-14 and 15-18. Members who are turning 12 or 15 between now and December 31, 2016 will be placed in the older age group. Members who are turning 12 or 15 on January 1, 2017 or after will remain in the younger age group. Members may not choose what Leadership Council group they are in and cannot change groups during the year. All members must stay in the same Leadership Council group September through May.

Regardless of what Leadership group you belong to, you may only register for Looking Ahead events for your exact age group. For example, if you are turning 12 on December 3rd, you will be in the 12-14 Leadership Council group for the year, but you may only attend other Looking Ahead events for the 9-11 age group until your 12th birthday, when you may begin attending events for the 12-14 age group.

Attendance:

Leadership Council members are expected to maintain good attendance and demonstrate punctuality. Members are not to miss more than three meetings during the academic year (September-May). Leadership Council members must notify Looking Ahead staff in the event of an anticipated absence.

Participation:

To fully benefit from the Looking Ahead Program and Leadership Council, participation in group activities and events is expected. Engaging in discussions and participating in Leadership Council activities openly will help all members reach their full leadership potential. In addition to attending Leadership Council meetings, all members must also attend at least three Looking Ahead events each year, one of which must be a Community Service event.

Respect:

Leadership Council was created as part of the Looking Ahead program to empower young performers to learn, grow, and develop leadership skills in a non-competitive, safe, and supportive environment. Leadership members are expected to demonstrate respect for peers, staff, and parents by actively listening, behaving appropriately, and communicating openly.

By signing below, I understand and agree to the above statements and commit to being a member of the Looking Ahead Leadership Council.

_____ Date: _____
Youth Council Member Signature

_____ Date: _____
Parent Signature