



Dear Applicant,

We are pleased to invite you to apply for the **Oregon Leadership Institute (OLI)** at Portland Community College-Rock Creek. The goal of the OLI is to provide Latino youth throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington with an opportunity to develop leadership skills, explore career options, and gain access to institutions of higher education. OLI is an exciting five-month **tuition-free** curriculum for Latinos ages 15–19 who are motivated to learn about themselves and their culture, and to become active in their community. Upon graduation, **mentees receive four transferable college credits.**

Since 1986 over 1800 youth have participated in OLI. The program consists of **five Saturday-sessions**, starting Winter Term. In order to graduate from the program you are required attend **all** five Saturday sessions including graduation. The sessions address a variety of topics through an innovative, interactive, fun curriculum featuring guest speakers from the community.

The program is fun and exciting, but it is also rigorous and challenging. It requires your commitment to grow and develop as a whole person. These sessions will encourage you to consider such varied concepts as culture and heritage, leadership, team- work, career and college exploration, conflict resolution and community involvement. You will have the opportunity to use art and other creative processes to learn about yourself and your culture. Your input about what you are gaining from the program as you go along will be appreciated, and you will have many opportunities to make sure you are getting what you came for!

While you will have an opportunity to socialize and get to know other students, it is not merely a place to “*hang out*” with your friends. OLI will provide a safe and supportive place for you to explore yourself, your life, your place in the world and your dreams. It is our intention that you are empowered to create and attain a life that makes you proud and fulfilled. I look forward to working with you this year. For more information please contact Brandon Lee at brandon.lee11@pcc.edu or 971-722-7279.

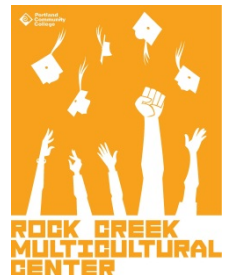
Sincerely,

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APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the attached application form and return it to: Brandon Lee, Program Coordinator.
Questions? Call 971-722-7435 or email thrive@pcc.edu.

For deadline please check the OLI website at www.pcc.edu/OLI.

We will contact you after we receive your application to discuss your interest in the Oregon Leadership Institute. We look forward to meeting with you soon. Gracias!

Submit high school transcript with this application.

Important: Your responses to the following questions are completely confidential. Please answer honestly and to the best of your ability. Your acceptance into the Oregon Leadership Institute will be based on whether you and the OLI coordinator feel that you will benefit from the program. Because of this, the OLI coordinator may contact you for an interview. Your responses to this application will help ensure that the sessions support your interest and needs.

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home phone: (____) _____ Work phone: (____) _____ E-mail _____

Name, Telephone & Address of someone who will always know how to reach you: _____

Languages you speak (fluently or not): _____

Language(s) primarily spoken in your home: _____

Please tell us a little about your family and the people you live with. Feel free to include what makes this person important to you.

Name	Lives with You (Circle One)	Comments
Mother _____	Yes/No	_____
Father _____	Yes/No	_____
Guardians _____	Yes/No	_____
Sisters _____	Yes/No	_____
_____	Yes/No	_____
Brothers _____	Yes/No	_____
_____	Yes/No	_____
Others _____	Yes/No	_____
_____	Yes/No	_____

Name of school you are attending now: _____

Current grade level in school: _____ Current GPA: _____ (this will not affect your acceptance into the OLI program)

Year you expect to graduate from High School: _____

It is important for us to know you—not just your name and where you go to school—but who you are as a person, what matters to you, your dreams and hopes, and where you want support to accomplish your life goals. Please use the following questions to write about yourself in as much detail as you feel comfortable using. This application is confidential. Your answers will be read by the OLI Coordinator in order to get to know you better.

What do you most enjoy about high school (favorite subjects, special programs, and friends)?

What are you planning to do after graduating from high school? If you don't know your plans, please write about what you would like to do after you leave school.

Please write about your dreams for your future. Be positive and pretend that there are no obstacles in your way!

What do you think is unique about you?

What are your values? What do you stand for?

Write three important decisions you have had to make in your life, and why are they important to you:

1.

2.

3.

What changes have you made in your life that you are proud of?

What do you wish was different about your life and yourself?

What are the things about life which you most fear or worry about? These concerns could include “*barriers*” you feel you have to overcome to accomplish what you would really like to do.

Please tell us what you want to gain from your participation in OLI. Please include any questions you’d like to have answered.