



CAPITOL REGION INTERDISTRICT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
A Capitol Region Education Council Program

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Dear School Counselor,

Enclosed is information regarding the 2014-2015 Capitol Region Interdistrict Leadership Academy (CRILA). This is a FREE opportunity for current *sophomores and juniors* to travel to Colorado and participate in a year-long leadership program. If you have any questions regarding the program after reading the packet please contact me so I can be of further assistance.

Thank you for your help in recruiting students for our Leadership Academy.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

- School Counselor Informational Letter
- Recruitment Announcement/Flyer
- Morning Announcement
- CRILA Student Application 2014-2015
 - Introduction Letter
 - Applicant/School Guidance Counselor Information Sheet
 - Evaluation & Checklist



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Dear School Counselor,

The Capitol Region Interdistrict Leadership Academy (CRILA) is a program created and operated by the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) through an interdistrict grant from the Connecticut State Department of Education. CRILA's stated mission is: "to provide a diverse forum whereby students will practice ethical and collaborative leadership through research and community services." CRILA annually enrolls approximately thirty students in their sophomore and junior year from the thirty-five Greater Hartford school districts in a year-long leadership program.

The Leadership Academy begins in May of each year with orientation sessions followed by a week-long Outward Bound experience in June at the Colorado Outward Bound West School in Leadville, CO. The Outward Bound adventure provides students with a cohesive group experience that is designed to test and cultivate individual and group leadership skills. During the following school year (2014-2015), Academy students attend monthly class sessions in the evenings or on the weekends where they conduct a rigorous academic study of leadership, including meetings with local leaders, engaging with academic texts, and participating in self-reflection. The Leadership Academy's culminating experience is a student-created and conducted community service project designed to have a positive impact on the Greater Hartford region. Going into its tenth year, CREC's Leadership Academy offers young leaders in local high schools an unparalleled opportunity to develop and practice leadership in an authentic and meaningful way.

Students are chosen for CREC's Leadership Academy based on their current academic standing and an essay which demonstrates their desire to participate, provides examples of their leadership experiences, and explains the challenges leaders of today face.

CREC is requesting the assistance of local high school principals and guidance counselors to help in the process of recruiting students for this program. The type of student the Academy is looking for is a student who:

- Has a proven ability to lead others in positive pursuits;
- Has strong academic standing;
- Can work successfully with peers and adults; and
- Has an interest in and a commitment to community service.

There is no cost to the students or to the school districts for participation.

Please support CRILA in recruiting high quality applicants by:

- Giving copies of the enclosed *CRILA Student Application 2014-2015* to any student that you think may make a good candidate;
- Placing copies of the application in the main office and guidance office;
- Posting the *Recruitment Announcements* around your office and school; and
- Encouraging students to visit the website for more information or to download the application:
www.creccrila.com.

Please have students submit applications by **March 21, 2014** to: Julia Winer, CREC, CRILA Program Manager, 111 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Thank you for your help in recruiting students for our Leadership Academy.

Bruce E. Douglas, Ph.D.
Executive Director, CREC

Sophomores and Juniors!

Don't miss out on this exciting, free opportunity!



Are you a student who has the following characteristics?

- *The ability to lead*
- *Strong academic standing*
- *The ability to work successfully with others*
- *An interest in and a commitment to community service*

If so, the Capitol Region Interdistrict Leadership Academy invites you to apply for one of 30 positions in the 2014-2015 Academy which will include:

- *A seven day, all expenses paid, Outward Bound experience in Colorado in June!*
- *The chance to develop community service projects throughout the Hartford area!*
- *The opportunity to earn high school credit!*
- *The opportunity to make many new friends!*
- *An experience that will help your leadership skills show and grow!*



If you believe you are a good candidate for CRILA, pick up an application in the guidance office, fill it out, and mail it by **March 21, 2014**.

Download the application online:

www.creccrila.com

Questions? Contact Julia Winer, Program Manager

(860) 509-3666 or crila@crec.org

Or visit the FAQ section of www.creccrila.com





CRILA Morning Announcement Please announce once per week from 1/13/2014 – 3/14/2014

Attention Sophomores and Juniors:

If you are currently a sophomore or junior, the Capitol Region Interdistrict Leadership Academy, also known as CRILA, invites you to apply for one of 30 positions in the 2014-2015 Academy, which will include:

- *A seven day, all expenses paid, Outward Bound experience in Colorado from June 21st through June 28th;*
- *The chance to develop community service projects throughout the Hartford area;*
- *The opportunity to earn honors high school credit;*
- *An opportunity to make many new friends; and*
- *An experience that will help your leadership skills show and grow.*

If you believe you are a good candidate for CRILA, you can pick up an application in the Guidance Department or visit www.creccrila.com for more information or to download a copy of the application.

**Applications are due March 21, 2014.
This program is for current Sophomores and Juniors only.**

Application for CRILA 2014-2015

CRILA is a program of the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC).

Download the CRILA Brochure at www.creccrila.com.



Dear Applicant,

Are you a student who has the ability to lead, a strong academic standing, the ability to work successfully with others, and an interest in and a commitment to community service?

If so, the Capitol Region Interdistrict Leadership Academy (CRILA) invites you to apply for one of 30 positions in the 2014-2015 Academy. *CRILA is **free of charge** to all chosen participants.* Funding is provided by a grant from the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Successful applicants will meet several times during the spring of 2014 and will travel together to Leadville, Colorado for an Outward Bound experience from June 21 to June 28, 2014. During the 2014-2015 school year, Academy members will meet regularly to work on a variety of community service projects and to study ethical and collaborative leadership.

Students are selected based on their current academic standing, their leadership resume, and an essay which provides examples of their leadership experience and demonstrates their desire to be a participant in the CRILA program.

If you believe you are a good candidate for CRILA, we encourage you to submit a complete application by Friday, **March 21, 2014***.

If you have questions about CRILA or the application process, please visit the *Frequently Asked Questions* page of our website: www.creccrila.com/frequently-asked-questions.html or contact Julia Winer, CRILA Program Manager, at: jwiner@crec.org or (860) 509-3666.

We look forward to reviewing your application.
CRILA Staff

**This date is subject to change and may be extended.*

Visit CRILA online at www.creccrila.com



Application Instructions

Review the application requirements below to ensure that you submit a complete application. Applications must be postmarked by **Friday, March 21, 2014** in order to be reviewed. **Application documents should be single-sided without staples.**

APPLICATION MAILING ADDRESS

Julia Winer, CREC
CRILA Program Manager
111 Charter Oak Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Applications must be postmarked by **March 21, 2014**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A complete application must include the following documents in a single envelope:

- Student Information Cover Sheet (next page)
- Essay (see requirements below)
- Resume
- Unofficial Transcript (provided by your guidance counselor)
- Copy of a Photo I.D. (e.g. license, passport, high school I.D.)

Application documents should be single-side without staples.

LEADERSHIP ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Please include an **800-1,000** word, typed essay, which addresses the following prompts:

- Reflect on your experiences as a leader. Identify and explain how these personal experiences demonstrate your leadership skills.
- Explain why you want to participate in the Leadership Academy.

In addition, address at least one of the following questions in your essay:

- What will you bring to the Leadership Academy?
- What in your mind are the qualities of a good leader?
- Identify a leader who has significantly influenced you. How has this person inspired you?

Essays may not exceed 1,000 words.



Student Information Cover Sheet



To be completed by the applicant:

After completing the personal information below, give this form to your guidance counselor to complete the bottom portion.

Please type or write legibly.

Date of Birth: ___/___/_____ Gender: Male Female

Name: _____ Preferred/Nick Name (if applicable): _____

Home Address: _____ City & Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Student Cell Phone (if applicable): (____) _____ - _____

I am currently a: Sophomore Junior Student Email (required): _____

Did you apply to CRILA last year? Yes No

To be completed by the school guidance counselor:

After completing the information below, **please provide the student with an unofficial transcript.**

Student's Current GPA (must be calculated on a 4.0 scale): _____ Transcript Attached: Yes (required)

School Name: _____ District: _____

Counselor Name: _____ Counselor Email: _____

Counselor Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Guidance Counselor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for supporting the Capitol Region Interdistrict Leadership Academy. If you have questions, please contact Julia Winer, CRILA Program Manager, at jwiner@crec.org or (860) 509-3666.

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