



ELM Youth Program Student Application

Entrepreneurship, Leadership, & Mentorship

Summary

NWFSC's new "Entrepreneurship, Leadership, & Mentorship" (ELM) youth initiative is an 8-month extracurricular program that will run from October 2024-May 2025 for high school juniors and seniors who are interested in developing an entrepreneurial mindset, leadership skills, and developing as young professionals. Students who are invested in personal growth will learn about business, their local communities, and how their gifts and talents can be maximized in a future career. With a strong presence of and exposure to experts in their fields, students will have the opportunity to become mentees of community leaders while growing their network and learning with one another.

Mission

To create opportunities for secondary education students to expand their option for vocational paths, develop an entrepreneurial mindset, advance leadership and service skills, cultivate a lifelong dedication to community involvement, and equip youth with the tools to create successful futures for themselves, their local areas, and beyond.

Goals for the Participant

- To encourage students to recognize their own potential and strive for personal growth and professional development.
- To activate the entrepreneurial mindset and build start-up skills to ensure their success and to support a more vibrant community.
- To inspire students to cultivate leadership skills and an entrepreneurial mindset to carry throughout their lives.
- To provide an avenue for a diverse group of students to interact with one another, and with community leaders and decision makers.
- To give students hands-on experience in knowledge areas relevant to their career goals.
- To offer mentorship opportunities for students to learn from community leaders and skill experts.
- To acquaint students with local needs, resources, and other factors that influence the future development of Okaloosa and Walton counties.
- To foster students' interest in volunteer community involvement and practice service leadership.
- To equip students with the knowledge and tools to be active, effective members of society.
- To instill student pride in themselves, their communities, and their ability to give back to those communities.

Application Criteria

Applications for the '24-'25 inaugural class are due by September 15th, 2024. The program will accept anywhere from 15-20 student participants. The ideal candidates for ELM are students who:

- Demonstrate leadership qualities in their school and community
- Can commit necessary time and effort to complete the ELM program
- Hold high standards of personal integrity
- Desire to work with others in the community
- Possess and can maintain at least a 2.0 GPA or higher

Graduation Requirements

Participants must attend a **minimum** of 6 training sessions and take part in the execution and presentation of the class project to be eligible for program completion. Make-up options may be made available at the discretion of program leaders, as needed.

ELM Program Calendar

The following dates are subject to change. Selected participants will be informed of schedule revisions promptly.

Students will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the meeting location on program days.

For full-day meetings (7am-2pm), lunch will be provided.

October 14th, 2024 @ 7:30am – 2:00pm (Teacher Workday) - Orientation and Training Day,
Meeting Location: NWFSC Niceville Campus, Bldg. 400

November 5th, 2024 @ 3:00pm – 6:00pm - NWFSC Niceville Campus, Bldg. 400

December 10th, 2024 @ 3:00pm – 6:pm - NWFSC Niceville Campus, Bldg. 400

January 14th, 2025 @ 3:00pm – 6:00pm - NWFSC Niceville Campus, Bldg. 400

February 17th, 2025 @ 7:30am – 2:00pm (President's Day) - NWFSC Niceville Campus, Bldg. 400

March 4th, 2025 @ 3:00pm – 6:00pm - NWFSC Niceville Campus, Building 400

April 8th, 2025 @ 3:00pm – 6:00pm - NWFSC Niceville Campus, Building 400

May 2025 (Specific date TBD) - Completion Celebration, Location - TBD

Note: Two training days will meet from **7:30am – 2:00pm**

All other training days are **3:00pm – 6:00pm**

Please pay attention to dates and times to ensure availability.

ELM Student Application Form

General Information

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Initial)

Home Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Name of High School: _____

Current grade level: _____ GPA from previous semester: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Are you currently involved in after school activities, sports, volunteering, or part time employment?
If so, please explain.

Participant spots are limited. Does your schedule allow for commitment to the proposed ELM meeting times?

Transportation to the NWFSC Niceville campus cannot be provided by the college.

Do you have reliable transportation to and from ELM training days? _____

Student's T-shirt size (unisex adult): _____

Questionnaire

What 3 adjectives describe you best as person?

What are your educational and career goals, and what makes them important to you?

What strengths can you bring to the program, and what areas would you like to improve?

Please describe your top three accomplishments.

In your opinion, what are the characteristics of a good leader?

In your opinion, what are the characteristics of a successful entrepreneur?

What skills and knowledge do you hope to gain from participating in ELM?

Any food allergies and/or dietary restrictions?

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Application Deadline September 15, 2024

Questions?

Contact: elmyouth@nwfsc.edu or Workforce@nwfsc.edu

Applications may be submitted via mail or email.

Mailing Address:

Northwest Florida State College
Attn: Workforce Development – ELM Youth
100 College Blvd. E. Niceville, FL 32578

Website: www.nwfsc.edu

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