



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



WHAT IS YOUNG LEADERS UNITED?

The mission of Young Leaders United is to support the work of United Way and foster a spirit of community involvement among the next generation of leaders. It is our goal to inspire advocacy, philanthropy and volunteerism in Dutchess and Orange Counties.

Young Leaders United provides a variety of opportunities to meet other individuals with similar professional and community interests. Young Leaders United members are committed, compassionate and generous individuals who are dedicated to making a positive impact throughout our community.

WHAT CAN THE YOUNG LEADERS UNITED OFFER ME?

Young Leaders United focuses on four aspects, so you'll be sure to reap the rewards of membership.

EDUCATE

Young Leaders members learn about our community's most pressing needs and the partnerships that address them. Young Leaders United can be an eye-opening experience that helps you to understand the issues facing thousands in our community.

SERVE

Young Leaders United is engaged in supporting the community through United Way's key community impact strategies which include Education, Income and Health through volunteerism and advocacy.

OUTREACH

In addition to actively serving the community, Young Leaders United have the ability to share the work of United Way in our community and educate others to further United Way's key community impact strategies.

GROW

Through Young Leaders United you can develop personally and professionally by participating in a number of events that focus on fundraising and volunteering as well as networking.

This unique and dynamic group offers its members many ways to become involved in making a difference in people's lives in Dutchess and Orange Counties. Young Leaders United works closely with United Way staff and board members to identify volunteer and fundraising opportunities that resonate with our group interests.

This exclusive group of 40 young professionals will receive regular updates on issues in our community and be involved with activities at United Way. Membership recognition, if desired, is available in select marketing and promotional materials. Through Young Leaders United, members will interact with other important local leaders and be a part of addressing the issues that matter most in our community.

EXPECTATIONS OF YOUNG LEADERS UNITED

As a member of Young Leaders United, you will be asked to join one of four sub-committees and will be expected to attend approximately 6-8 sub-committee meetings per year, with a maximum of 2 absences. Further, you will be expected to participate as a volunteer at events hosted by Young Leaders United. As part of the enclosed application, you will be asked to identify the committee(s) that interest you.

Questions? Contact Melissa Clark at 845-471-1900 x3128 or mclark@uwdor.org.





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To be considered for membership in Young Leaders United, you must live or work in Dutchess or Orange County and be from 18 to 40 years of age. If you meet the criteria, please complete the application below.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ Email: _____

1) Why do you want to be a Young Leader?

2) What past involvement do you have volunteering in the community?

3) How has your volunteer work improved the quality of life in your community?

4) How do you envision the future of our community?

5) Please review the brief description of each sub-committee and identify those that you are most interested in joining. *(Check all that apply)*

- Community Impact** – Identify and research community needs; Integrate Young Leaders projects and/or events with current United Way Community Impact initiatives.
- Special Events** – Create, plan, and execute events that align with Community Impact initiatives and/or promote Young Leaders United.
- Marketing** – Promote and build awareness of the work of Young Leaders United; Develop promotional materials for special events, messaging for community impact, and materials for member recruitment and recognition.
- Membership** – Help identify potential Young Leaders; Promote membership at special events; Work with all committees in an HR capacity; Develop plan for membership recognition.

Attached is a recommendation form. We'd like to hear from an employer, friend, co-worker, or anyone who can attest to your volunteer efforts in the community. **Please submit your completed application and recommendation to the United Way via fax to (845) 471-1933 or by email to mclark@uwdor.org.**



RECOMMENDATION

Please provide responses about the individual who has listed you as a reference.
Please return this recommendation form to the United Way via fax to (845) 471-1933,
by mailing Melissa Clark at 75 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
or via email to mclark@uwdor.

Applicant's Name: _____

Your Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____ Years

Please identify the nature of your relationship: _____

How do you evaluate the applicant's desire to volunteer in an effort to improve the quality of life in his/her community?

1 2 3 4 5
Poor Average Excellent

How do you evaluate the applicant's ability to understand community issues and to help identify creative ways of addressing such issues?

1 2 3 4 5
Poor Average Excellent

How do you evaluate the applicant's willingness to take initiative and see projects through to completion?

1 2 3 4 5
Poor Average Excellent

How do you evaluate the applicant's ability to work with others to achieve the best possible outcome?

1 2 3 4 5
Poor Average Excellent

Additional Comments: _____

