



## THE ROOTS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Roots Leadership Program is an innovative new program for high school sophomores and juniors designed by the leadership of the Port Washington Library Foundation to develop civic leadership with a focus on creative communication, the power of networking for good, and hands-on project experiences.

**Applications will be open for our first Roots Leadership Program (RLP) cohort from January 3rd through January 22nd, 2023.**

### Participants in RLP:

- Gain leadership and teamwork skills through skill-building and experiential training in communications (storytelling & self-marketing), creative multimedia (podcast & video production, social media), and relationship-building (networking).
- Participate in a teen-led, outcome-driven project in partnership with local nonprofit arts and environmental organizations.
- Broaden and enrich peer and community connections.

## EXPECTATIONS

The pilot RLP Spring program will be a three-month commitment from February through April for high school sophomores and juniors. Selected teens are expected to:

- Attend five sessions\* during February through April from 3 to 5pm
- Create a project pitch to meet a need facing a local nonprofit.
- Work well in a team, as well as independently.
- Serve as ambassadors of the Port Washington Public Library Foundation in the broader community.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

This is a competitive application process. RLP students are selected based on a variety of criteria, including thoughtful and timely completion of the application. [RLP Application](#)

Applications must be submitted by January 22nd by 5PM using this Google form: Applicants will be notified of their application status by **February 1st, 2024**.

**\* (sessions tentatively scheduled for 2/11, 3/3, 3/17, 4/7, 4/14 but this is subject to change)** Any questions about specific internship positions or the internship application can be directed to [bethain@gmail.com](mailto:bethain@gmail.com) or [michelleglewis@gmail.com](mailto:michelleglewis@gmail.com).