



College LAUNCH for Leadership Quick Guide

College LAUNCH (Learn. Achieve. Understand. Network. Commit. Help.) for Leadership is a FREE nine-month college preparatory program that focuses on social justice and leadership development. Our program serves high performing, underrepresented high school juniors in the Charlotte and Winston-Salem area.

Last year, 100% of College LAUNCH Alumni were admitted into college!

Our program is not a Wake Forest pipeline program. Rather, we promote attending (and graduating) from college and empowering LAUNCH scholars to use their unique experiences, talents, and knowledge to impact social change.

Saturday Summits take place once a month from 9 am – 2 pm. Each Saturday Summit has individual college preparation and social justice themes.

LAUNCH Scholars are required to attend at least 8 out of 9 Saturday Summits and must provide their own transportation.

LAUNCH Scholars must work in groups to complete a Youth Participatory Action Research Project, which explores a need in their community and gathers research to suggest possible solutions. YPAR Projects are presented at the graduation ceremony in May.

Outside of Saturday Summits, LAUNCH Scholars must submit their report card for each quarter and complete monthly journal responses (Journal Prompts are from the Common App Essay Questions).

We offer a Winston-Salem and a Charlotte cohort. Each cohort's capacity is 50-60 scholars.

LAUNCH Scholars are eligible for scholarships to attend WFU Summer Immersion Programs.

Application requirements: online application, recommendation from a school personnel, essay responses and a copy of their transcript (including 9th and 10th grade grades).

Application for 2020-2021 year opens to current sophomores on **February 3rd** at <https://collegelaunch.wfu.edu/> and decisions will be made on a rolling basis.

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