31st Annual
National Student Leadership Congress

Remixing the Art of Social Action

Washington, DC
June 13 - 18, 2020
A Transformational Leadership Experience for First-Gen High School Students

The National Student Leadership Congress is an intensive 6-day leadership experience in our nation’s capital for first-generation high school students from TRIO programs across the United States and territories. The 31st Annual National Student Leadership Congress will be hosted at Georgetown University and will include: a Mock Congress Competition, Diversity and Inclusion Training, Interactive Learning Lab, Monuments Tour, and a day on Capitol Hill.

About National Student Leadership Congress

**Purpose**
- To establish a national network of emerging leaders
- To develop service-oriented leaders, empowered and skilled to serve their communities and their nation.
- To enable students to understand national issues affecting their futures
- To promote sensitivity to and appreciation for cultural and racial diversity

**Program**
- A 6-day residential experience designed to introduce students to elements of effective leadership
- Workshops on decision-making and problem solving; national service, leadership styles, attributes and skills; the political process and coalition building; multiculturalism and diversity
- Sessions with policymakers and TRIO alumni
- Meetings with Members of Congress and a Mock Congressional Hearing
- Visits to historical and cultural sites in Washington, DC.

**Outcomes**
- Increased awareness of leadership potential
- Enhanced leadership skills in decision making, planning, and goal setting; conflict resolution and negotiation
- Greater knowledge of the role of individuals and alliances in shaping national priorities, and career opportunities in government, public service and education
- Increased understanding of the responsibilities of citizenship through service
A Transformational Leadership Experience for First-Gen High School Students

This year we are seeking outstanding rising sophomores and juniors (Class of 2021 and Class of 2022) to serve as delegates to the 2020 National Student Leadership Congress. Please select students who are ready for a challenging and intensive learning experience. It is important that student representatives come prepared for the rigors of a program that includes full schedules, requires open minds, and ensures leadership growth.

Student Eligibility

Rising Junior/Senior
Class of 2021
Class of 2022

Minimum 3.0* GPA

Application:
- Student essay
- 1 letter of rec
- Student resume

TRIO Talent Search
Upward Bound
Upward Bound Math/Science

Only 180 Students will be accepted

We aim to provide students from all states and American territories the opportunity to immerse themselves in a premier leadership experience; therefore, we will ONLY ACCEPT 4 STUDENTS PER INSTITUTION.

Allowable cost

The registration fee is $1,350 which includes housing, meals, admission fees for tours, NSLC t-shirts, and transportation while the student is in Washington DC. Students must arrive in Washington, DC by no later than 4:00 PM on Saturday, June 13, 2020, at DCA AIRPORT or UNION STATION. The registration fee is an allowable project expense (OMB Circular A-21/A-122).

*For students who do not meet the GPA requirement but would benefit greatly from participating in NSLC, please contact justis.lopez@coenet.org.
Once a student is accepted, they will receive a checklist detailing all the items they need to bring with them to Washington, DC.

When will students be notified of acceptance?

Once a student has applied and been accepted, the TRIO director will receive an email by April 1st with further information including all supplemental documents that students must submit by May 2020.

Who can attend?

NSLC is open to all TRIO Talent Search, Upward Bound, and Upward Bound Math/Science students who will be rising juniors and seniors during the summer of 2020.

Can TRIO staff participate in NSLC?

NSLC is only available to TRIO high school students. TRIO staff that accompany students to Washington, DC must provide for their own travel/lodging.

Student arrival and departure

Students who travel by plane must arrive ONLY at DCA airport. Students traveling by train must arrive ONLY at Union Station. Students who arrive by car must be dropped off at Georgetown University. All students must arrive in Washington, DC by 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 13, 2020.

How to register?

In January the online registration portal will open and can be accessed by visiting: www.http://coenet.org/student_opportunities

Timeline

Jan
- NSLC information released
- NSLC registration opens
- NSLC 2020 informational webinar

Feb
- Student Application

March
- NSLC registration closes

April
- Student notification
- Purchase travel
- Submit documentation

May
- Conference calls for families and students
- Submit payment

June
- Students arrive in Washington, DC
Meet in quad to depart for orientation
NSLC welcome and orientation
Group meetings
Prepare for bed/lights out

Tentative Agenda

Saturday, June 13, 2020

6:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Student arrivals/Check-In
Staff meets students at DCA/Union Station
Staff will be in blue shirts

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM
Students check into dorms

5:30 PM to 6:15 PM
Dinner

6:20 PM
Meet in quad to depart for orientation

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
NSLC welcome and orientation

7:30 PM to 9:30 PM
Group meetings

9:30 PM to 10:30 PM
Prepare for bed/lights out
Tentative Agenda

Sunday, June 14, 2020

8:00 AM to 8:45 AM  Breakfast
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM  Keynote
11:45 AM  Board bus
11:45 AM to 12:30 PM  Travel to Smithsonian Museums and boxed lunch
12:30 PM to 4:30 PM  Learning tours
                        Smithsonian Museums
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM  Dinner
5:45 PM to 7:15 PM  Monuments tour
7:30 PM to 8:00 PM  Travel to Georgetown
8:00 PM to 10:00 PM  Mock congress meeting
10:00 PM to 10:30 PM  Prepare for bed
Monday, June 15, 2020

8:00 AM to 8:45 AM  Breakfast
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM  Keynote
11:45 AM  Lunch
1:15 PM to 2:30 PM  Leadership breakout session 1
Leadership breakout session 2
Leadership breakout session 3
Leadership breakout session 4
2:45 PM to 3:45 PM  Team chant practice
4:00 PM to 5:30PM  Team meeting
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM  Dinner
6:45 PM  Board bus
7:00PM to 9:00 PM  Night tour of Washington, DC Monuments
9:30 PM to 10:30 PM  Prepare for bed/lights out
Tuesday, June 16, 2020

6:00 AM to 6:30 AM  Breakfast
6:45 AM to 7:15 AM  Travel to Capitol Hill
7:30 AM to 8:30 AM  Congressional Speakers
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM  Meet with your Member of Congress/ I AM TRIO Rally On Capitol Hill
11:30 AM to 12:00 PM  Meet in Capitol Hill Quad to walk in groups to Union Station
12:00 to 2:30 PM  Lunch at Union Station
2:30 PM to 3:45 PM  Board bus and travel back to Georgetown University
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM  Break/ Team chant practice
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM  TRIO chant competition
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM  Dinner
7:00 PM to 9:30 PM  Mock congress team meeting
9:30 PM to 10:30 PM  Prepare for bed/lights out
Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Breakfast
7:30 AM to 8:15 AM

Travel to Capitol Hill
8:30 AM to 9:15 AM

Mock congress
9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Lunch
12:30 PM to 1:15 PM

Mock congress
2:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Review of banquet activities, dance procedures, and departure schedules
1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

Return to Georgetown University and dress for banquet
3:15 PM to 4:00 PM

Board bus and travel to banquet location
4:40 PM to 5:30 PM

Leadership banquet
6:00 PM 8:00 PM

Dance and closing
8:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Travel to Georgetown
11:00 PM to 11:30 PM

Pack up and lights out
11:30 PM to 12:30 AM
Tentative Agenda

Thursday, June 18, 2020

3:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Check Out & Students Depart to Airport and Union Station