**Youth Leadership Program 2020**

**How to Apply**

The Youth Leadership program is an extremely valuable experience for young people. Zoos Victoria has developed a flagship program to build leadership skills, capability and networks to take action for wildlife.

Zoos Victoria is selecting 30 students to join the Youth Leadership program in 2020.

Participants leave Youth Leadership with a greater perspective and deeper understanding of their capabilities as leaders and an enriched sense of belonging and purpose in the world around them.

**Prerequisite/Eligibility:**

* Only TWO student applications will be accepted per school.
* Students must be in Years 9, 10 or 11 in the 2020 school year.
* Students can be currently enrolled in a Victorian Secondary School (State, Catholic or Independent) or part of a home school program.
* Applications submitted by students must have a teacher endorsement.
* The endorsing teacher will be required to provide support to the student for the duration of the program and attend the following days:
  + Module 3 – Design Thinking Hack on Thurs 19th June 2020
  + Graduation on Thurs 8th October 2020

**Other Important Information:**

* The program consists of 3 days during the school term and 9 days during school holidays.
* It is estimated that participants will spend a minimum of 15 hours working on their impact projects during Term 3.
* The graduation will be held on an evening during the school term.
* It is expected that students will be able to attend all of these days.
* Students must provide their own appropriate clothing and footwear suitable for all weather conditions.
* Students must organise their own transportation to and from Melbourne Zoo. For those living in rural areas, accommodation costs should be taken into consideration.

**Application Procedures:**

* Applications must be submitted online via the website by the student and their endorsing teacher.
* Applications will be not be considered if they are faxed, emailed or posted to Zoos Victoria.
* You will need to submit the following information:

**Students Personal Details**

* + First name
  + Last name
  + Address
  + Suburb
  + State
  + Postcode
  + Telephone (home)
  + Telephone (mobile)
  + Email
  + Date of Birth
  + School
  + Year Level

**Endorsing Teachers Details**

* + First name
  + Last name
  + Telephone (mobile)
  + Email

**About You**

* 1. Tell us a bit about yourself, such as your hobbies, what you do with your time or any plans you may have the future?
  2. Describe why do you want to do a leadership program?
  3. Describe how you think Zoos Victoria would support your interests to become a leader in conservation in your local community?
  4. Describe how your interests fit with the theme of marine conservation for the 2020 Youth Leadership program.
  5. Describe your personal skills or attributes do you have that would make you the best candidate for this program?

Applications close on **Monday 24th February** **2020** for the 2020 program.

**Selection Process:**

Applicants will be notified of the result of their application by **Monday 2nd March 2020.**

If successful, payment of $1500 will be required before commencing. Payment can be made by credit card over the phone or an EFT transfer.

Parents/guardians will be provided copies of the following to sign and submit:

* Program Consent Form
* Confidentiality Agreement
* Excursion Permission Form
* Media Consent Form
* Confidential Medical Information

**Program Cost**

The cost of the program is $1500. This cost covers all workshops, excursions, and materials. It does not include lunches and snacks.