



## NEXT GENERATION LEADERS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The Next Generation Leaders Program (NGLP) of the Greater Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross was created for the purpose of developing high achieving, diverse young leaders across Monroe County at the high school level. The goals of the program include:

- To actively involve youth (ages 14- 18 ) in all aspects of the Red Cross through leadership development training and engagement in service learning activities directly related to the needs of the community and the mission of the Red Cross.
- Support all Monroe County school districts in providing high quality, high impact school-based programming that compliments the NYS Learning Standards.
- Prepare youth in gaining the opportunity to compete for National Red Cross Scholarships and scholarships available community wide.

### WHO CAN APPLY

Youth in grades 9 through 12 with at least a 2.5 GPA and satisfactory school attendance who are willing to make a commitment to take on leadership roles in their school and community.

### TO ENROLL

Complete and submit an online application from [www.rochesterredcross.org/nglp](http://www.rochesterredcross.org/nglp) with a copy of your latest report card or get an application from your school counselor, Student Support Center, or call the American Red Cross at 585-241-4261.

\* First session will occur October 2011 – January 2012; application deadline **September 23, 2011**

\* Second session will occur February 2012 – May 2012; application deadline **January 27, 2012**

### PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

The NGLP runs from October to May each year in accordance with the school calendar. Generally, students meet weekly at the Red Cross or at their school on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00-5:30pm. Transportation or bus passes may be provided.

During these weekly sessions, students will focus on topics that will foster and encourage leadership qualities in that individual, helping him or her to grow in to a responsible, independent adult. There are two parts to the program: leadership development and service learning.



In the **Leadership Development Curriculum**, students will learn about many relevant topics, including:

- Building blocks of leadership
- Public speaking and interpersonal skills
- Getting along with others/conflict resolution
- Program management and planning
- Financial literacy
- Career development
- Preparing for college

*\*Topics are subject to change*

In the **Service Learning** portion of the program, students will engage in service to the community through projects that may include:

- Organizing blood drives
- Learning and teaching Citizen CPR
- Fundraising for disaster relief
- Other initiatives identified and led by the NGLP student

After completing leadership development training, students will be encouraged to start Red Cross Clubs at their schools with support from American Red Cross staff.

## PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents are an integral part of a student's leadership development and, as such, are highly encouraged to participate in their child's progression in the Next Generation Leaders Program. Parents are welcome to attend program activities and/or volunteer with the program by contacting Program Coordinator Jennifer Taylor at [taylorj@grcarc.org](mailto:taylorj@grcarc.org) or 585-241-4261 or Assistant Director Liz Cinquino at [cinquinol@grcarc.org](mailto:cinquinol@grcarc.org) or 585-241-4484.

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

Through the Next Generation Leaders Program, students will learn integral leadership skills that they may not be able to develop in a classroom setting. Students will gain:

- Personal confidence
- College and career skill
- Independence
- Resume-building experience
- Networking opportunities with community leaders
- Service learning experience
- Community service hours required for graduation
- and more!

For more information on Next Generation Leaders Program, contact Program Coordinator Jennifer Taylor 585-241-4261 or [taylorj@grcarc.org](mailto:taylorj@grcarc.org). For information in Spanish, contact Assistant Director Liz Cinquino at 241-4484 or [cinquinol@grcarc.org](mailto:cinquinol@grcarc.org).

