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Apply online at [www.zbla.info](http://www.zbla.info) or request an application by emailing [zbleadershipacademy@gmail.com](mailto:zbleadershipacademy@gmail.com).

Applicants must be 14 – 18 years old and live in Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor or Zion.



**Refer potential participants.**  
Consider students, neighbors and relatives as emerging leaders.

**Serve as a mentor.** Share your expertise, offer your skills and provide guidance to your mentee during the program.

**Provide placement for Jr. ZBLA graduates.** Invite a graduate to serve with your local agency, church or organization or offer an internship for your organization.

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*“Be the change you want to see in the world.” ~Gandhi*

The Jr. Zion-Benton Leadership Academy was developed to nurture our youth for future leadership positions in Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor and Zion. Our mission is simple: To identify and empower young people to give back to their community.

The five-session curriculum features nontraditional, hands-on training and experiences. The courses include Teamwork, Building Self-Confidence, Effective Communication, Cultural Diversity, Servanthood, and College Readiness.

## **What does it take to be a Jr. Zion-Benton Leadership Academy participant?**

Jr. ZBLA is seeking candidates who are engaged, compassionate, imaginative, honest and progressive. As a Jr. ZBLA participant, students will learn what it takes to be a leader who will help shape the future of the Zion-Benton community. Leaders will be carefully matched with a mentor who shares similar interests and backgrounds.



## **What is the commitment?**

- In-person interview
- Weekly Jr. ZBLA group sessions, from February through April
- Meet regularly with mentor, typically weekly
- Complete a group project
- Attend the Jr. ZBLA graduation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year peer-to-peer leadership position

**Mentors foster the following leadership skills in Jr. ZBLA participants:**

### **The Community**

- History of Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor and Zion
- Overview of community organizations and agency opportunities

### **Personal Skills**

- Time management
- Setting goals and priorities
- Putting your best foot forward
- College readiness

### **Ethical Skills**

- Decision making
- Conflict resolution
- Perseverance
- Cultural Diversity

### **Leadership Planning**

- Building relationships
- Develop leadership path