

CIVIC LEADERS

STUDENT OVERVIEW



June 24–28, 2024 (Monday–Friday) | 9am–4pm | University of Maryland

Created in partnership with Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS), the Close Up Foundation presents Civic Leaders for rising eighth-graders and rising 10th-graders. The Civic Leaders program provides exciting opportunities for students to develop their civics knowledge and political efficacy, practice critical skills, and meet Maryland College and Career Ready (MCCR) Standards.

Students will discuss the issues they care about and follow a curriculum that emphasizes building citizenship skills and democratic dispositions. Close Up instructors will facilitate the program to help middle and high school students engage with their community and take part in persuasive speaking activities about pressing current issues. This is a free program offered to PGCPS students, but space is limited. There are only 150 spots open for each program.

For more information, please visit www.closeup.org/PGCPS.

IMPORTANT PROGRAM DATES

- Applications Open: April 13
- Applications Close: May 10
- Accepted Students Notified: May 17
- Mandatory Pre-Program Zoom Information Session for Accepted Students and Parents: (date and time TBD)

TRANSPORTATION

Once accepted, participants will be provided with multiple, central pick-up/drop-off locations at schools around Prince George’s County. Students will be responsible for arriving on time at the pick-up location daily. Participants may also be dropped off directly at the University of Maryland no later than 9am.

REQUIREMENTS

- Middle School: Students must be rising eighth-graders.
- High School: Students must be rising 10th-graders.
- Students must be interested in government and/or politics.
- Interested students must submit an application. Only students who are accepted will be able to attend.
- Those who have participated in the fall 2023 or spring 2024 Congressional Simulation at UMD will receive priority during the application process.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The middle school and high school program will take place at the same time and at the same location, but the two programs will be hosted in separate spaces.
- Students will be provided all materials necessary to participate in the week (no Chromebooks required).
- Students will be provided lunch daily and coach bus transportation to and from study visits in Washington.
- Students will be required to bring the completed Medical Questionnaire Form and Consent for Treatment Form as well as their insurance card or a copy of the front and back.

APPLY TODAY!

Submit your applicataion today at <https://forms.gle/CU7bSppEsFqQyt8j9>.

ABOUT CLOSE UP

Close Up is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, civic education organization that informs, inspires, and empowers young people to become active citizens. Since 1971, we have partnered with school districts nationwide to serve more than one million students and educators through experiential learning programs in our nation’s capital and in local communities, professional development, and curriculum design and consulting. Our goal is to connect what students learn in class to the real world around them and help them articulate their own views, listen to those of others, and engage with people of different backgrounds with tolerance and understanding. To learn more, visit www.CloseUp.org.