

Planting Fields Foundation's Youth Leaders Application



PLANTING FIELDS

November 1, 2026

Dear Prospective Leader,

Planting Fields Foundation is offering a five-week summer program for high school students that will complete either their freshman, sophomore or junior year by June 2026. Planting Fields Foundation's Youth Leaders program is a prestigious and highly selective opportunity designed to engage and empower **five** high school students with hands-on experience in various aspects of historic preservation, education, environmental stewardship, and community engagement.

This volunteer program will run **Tuesday, July 7, 2026, through Friday, August 7, 2026, from 10am to 3pm each day**. Upon successful completion of the program, leaders will complete 125 hours of volunteer service. Youth Leaders will receive all relevant information, training, and schedules on the first day of the program.

Planting Fields Foundation will make student selections based on the following criteria:

Residency

- Must reside in Nassau or Suffolk County

Grade Level

- Must be completing 9th, 10th, or 11th grade by June 2026

Commitment

- Must be able to attend the full program schedule (Monday, July 6 – Friday, August 7, from 10am – 3pm each day)

Application Completion

- Submission of a fully completed application, including all required information and essay responses.
- Parent/guardian permission required upon acceptance.

Interest & Enthusiasm: Demonstrated interest in one or more program areas:

- Historic Preservation & Archival Research
- Education & Public Engagement
- Environmental Conservation & Sustainability
- Community Service & Leadership

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with priority consideration given to those submitted by April 13. The final deadline to apply is April 30. Selected participants will be announced during the first week of May. Completed application packets can be scanned and emailed to Sustainability Coordinator, Rebecca Slagle at rslagle@plantingfields.org with the subject line: *2026 Youth Leaders Application*.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please note that this application and/or program may be subject to change.

Section 1: Basic Information

1. Full Name: _____
2. Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____
3. Grade Level (Must have completed Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior year in High School by June 2026):
 - ☐ Freshman
 - ☐ Sophomore
 - ☐ Junior
4. School Name: _____
5. Email Address: _____

**All communication, including acceptance notifications, will be sent via email.
Please provide an email you check regularly.**

Section 2: Parent/Guardian Contact Information

If accepted into the Planting Fields Foundation's Youth Leaders program, participants under the age of 18 will be **required** to submit a signed Parent/Guardian Permission Form before beginning the program. This form will be provided with the acceptance notification and must be completed to confirm participation.

6. Parent/Guardian Name: _____
7. Parent/Guardian Address: _____
8. Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: _____
9. Relationship to Applicant: _____

Section 3: Program Commitment

10. Are you available to attend the full program from July 6 – August 7, 2026 (Monday – Friday, 10am – 3pm)?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

11. If you are unable to attend a day due to illness or emergency, are you able to make up the missed time by the end of 2026?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

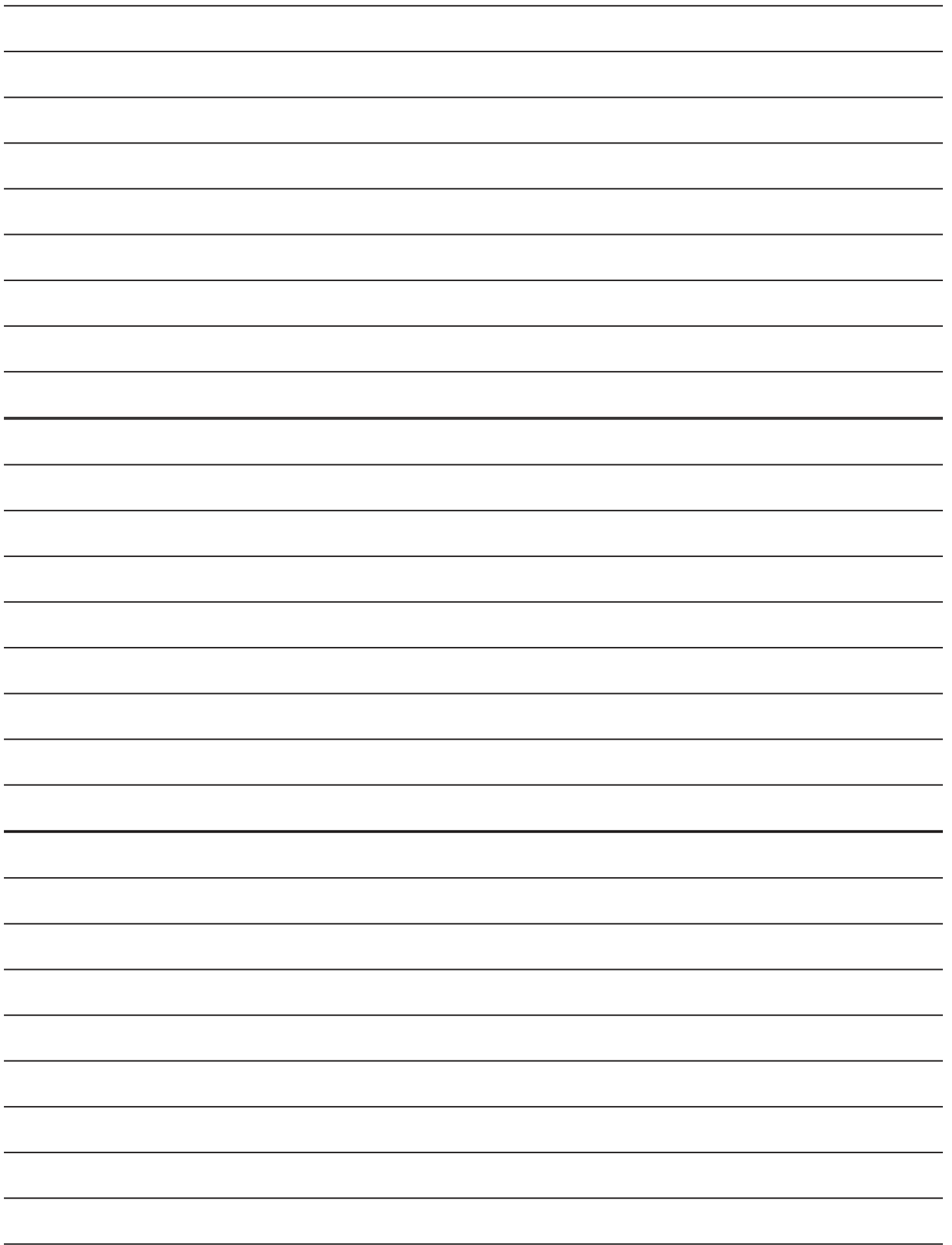
12. Do you have reliable transportation to and from Planting Fields?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Section 4: Interest & Experience

13. Why are you interested in the Planting Fields Foundation's Youth Leaders program? How will you use what you learn in the future? (Up to 500 words)

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14. Which program components interest you the most? (Check all that apply)

- Visitor Experience (House tours & visitor engagement)
- Education (Summer camp support & activity development)
- Archival Research (Research & storytelling for house tours)
- Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship (Habitat restoration, invasive removal, composting)

15. Describe any previous volunteer or leadership experiences you have. (Up to 250 words)

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Section 5: Reference Information

can speak to your character, work ethic, and suitability for this program.

We may contact this person as part of the selection process. **(Optional)**

17. Reference Name: _____

18. Relationship to Applicant: _____

19. Email Address: _____

Section 6: Medical/Emergency Contact Information

20. Student Name (First and Last): _____

21. Emergency Contact Name: _____

22. Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

23. Emergency Contact Address: _____

24. Emergency Contact Relation to Student: _____

25. Does the student have any existing medical conditions we should know about?

☐ Yes

☐ No

26. If yes, please explain:

Section 7: Final Submission

27. How did you hear about this program?

☐ School

☐ Social Media

☐ Word of Mouth

☐ Website

☐ Newsletter

☐ Other: _____

28. I confirm that all information provided is accurate, and I commit to fulfilling the responsibilities of the program if selected. ☐ **Yes**

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____