



2018 APPLICATION FORM

Thank you for your interest in applying to the 2018 Boys' Leadership Worldwide program. Please review the information below prior to completing your application:

PROGRAM, ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION CRITERIA:

- The Eleanor Roosevelt Center (ERVK) Boys' Leadership Worldwide (BLW) program works to create a more just world by educating, empowering, and activating young men to become the next generation of principled, socially conscious leaders, using the example set by Eleanor Roosevelt.
- **Applicants must be in either the 9th or 10th grade** in high school. The participants in each BLW session constitute a diverse group of exceptional boys from across the U.S. and abroad. Boys are selected based on leadership potential, demonstrated or desired commitment to community service and social justice, level of maturity, and their academic and extra-curricular achievement.
- Please note, ERVK requires that all BLW participants meet the New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance, which can be found here: <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf>
- Please note, BLW is designed to challenge its participants mentally, physically and emotionally.

DEADLINES:

- Application and two references must be postmarked by **March 30, 2018**.
- Applicants will be notified May 4, 2018.

COSTS:

- \$2,500 program fee. We charge this fee against the full cost of approximately \$3,300 for each participant. Upon acceptance to BLW, ALL participants must pay a non-refundable \$200 deposit to hold their spot in the program. Please **DO NOT** send money with this application.
- Airfare and Ground Transportation costs to & from Hyde Park, NY.
- Spending money (for personal needs).

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Complete the application, (pages 2-3) including the short-answer questions and essay.
- Provide TWO reference forms and letters. Instructions regarding references are included in the Reference Section (page 3) and on the Applicant Reference Forms (page 5).
- Include your name on all pages.
- Paperclip your application together. ***Please do not use staples to hold pages together.***
- Please note that our primary means of communication with applicants is via email. Therefore, it is critical to include correct email addresses for the applicant and at least one parent or guardian and to adjust spam settings to allow email from BLW@ervk.org.
- **Mail your completed application**, reference forms (page 5) and letters, and financial aid form (if applicable) to:

**Eleanor Roosevelt Center
2018 BLW Application
P.O. Box 255
Hyde Park, NY 12538**

SCHOLARSHIPS:

- We are committed to providing scholarships based on financial need and merit of application to as many qualified boys as possible. Indicating an interest for scholarships has no bearing on admission decisions.
- To be considered for a BLW scholarship, you must submit the Scholarship Application Form and include it with your BLW Application package. The form can be downloaded from our website, www.ervk.org.

Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact us! Email: BLW@ervk.org or call 845-229-5302.



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP/COUNTRY: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MOBILE PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

AGE: _____ BIRTHDATE (m/d/y): _____ GRADE: _____ GRADUATION YEAR: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

PARENT/GUARDIAN #1: _____
(Last) (First)

ADDRESS: Check here if same as above

STREET: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP/COUNTRY: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MOBILE PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN #2: _____
(Last) (First)

ADDRESS: Check here if same as above

STREET: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP/COUNTRY: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MOBILE PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

COMPLETE SCHOOL NAME: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP/COUNTRY: _____

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR EMAIL: _____

GPA/AVERAGE: _____

TYPE OF SCHOOL (Please check all that apply): Public Public Charter Private All-Boys Private Co-Ed Other



Applicant Name: _____

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

What is your session preference? Session I (July 5-14) Session II (July 19 — 28) Either
(Indicating a preferred session does not guarantee placement in that session if accepted.)

Please indicate the type of neighborhood you live in:
 City Suburban Rural

Please indicate your annual household gross income:
 \$0-25,000 \$100,001-\$150,000
 \$25,001-50,000 \$150,001-\$200,000
 \$50,001-75,000 \$200,001-250,000
 \$75,001-100,000 \$250,001 & above

Please indicate your race/ethnicity (check all that apply):
 Asian Pacific Islander
 Black/African American Southeast Asian/Indian
 Hispanic / Latino White (Non-Hispanic)
 Native American Other: _____

How did you learn about the BLW Program (check all that apply)?
 ERVK Website Parent/Guardian Facebook
 GLW Alumna Teacher Twitter
 Guidance Counselor Principal Internet/Google Search
 Other: _____

Name of person who shared information about BLW: _____

REFERENCES

As part of the application process you are required to obtain **TWO references** who can attest to your qualifications for participation in the program. One reference must be from a school representative, and the other should come from a community member who knows you well. Neither of your references can come from a relative. Your references must be willing to fill out the enclosed Applicant Reference Form and write a one-page letter of recommendation for you. Please ask your references for their assistance early enough to allow them adequate time. Your references may either send their reference forms and letters of recommendation directly to ERVK via email, BLW@ervk.org or fax (845-229-0742) by **March 30, 2018**, or you may include them in your application package.

Please provide some information about your references below:

Reference 1: _____
 First Name _____ Last Name _____ Your Relationship to this Person _____
 Email _____ Phone _____

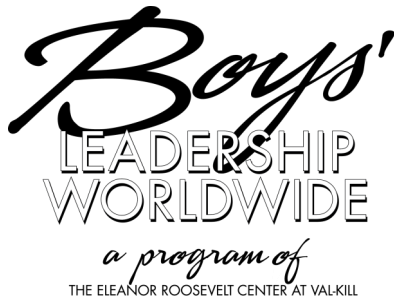
Reference 2: _____
 First Name _____ Last Name _____ Your Relationship to this Person _____
 Email _____ Phone _____

CERTIFICATION

I/We certify that all of the information provided on this application is accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____



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SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

On a separate sheet of paper, please type your responses to the following questions. Limit your responses to approximately 200 words for each question. Please write the question number and the bolded sentence from each question at the beginning of your responses. *All of your short-answer responses must fit on two pages or less, single-sided, using a 12-point font and 1-inch margins.*

1. Boys' Leadership Worldwide prepares young men for personal, professional and political leadership, using the example set by Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt. **What is it about Boys' Leadership Worldwide that appeals to you and what do you expect to gain from this experience?**
2. **Describe one event, experience, particular interest, or special individual that has contributed to your uniqueness as a person.**
3. **Have you had any involvements in school clubs or activities, sports programs, community service or human rights/social justice advocacy?** If yes, please describe. If no, please explain and indicate what types of activities would interest you.
4. **What is one aspect of leadership or one character trait that you would like to develop or work on improving?**
5. **Which current or past leader, in the areas of business, government, education or community service, demonstrates the kind of leader you want to be? Please explain.**

ESSAY QUESTION

Please write an original essay of between 500-1,000 words addressing the question below. *Your essay must fit on two pages or less, single-sided, using a 12-point font and 1-inch margins.*

Identify a problem or issue in the world, your country or community that you strongly feel needs to be addressed. Explain your choice and discuss the opportunities that you have had to either address this issue or learn more about it. How can you as a leader take action to resolve this issue?

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Before sending in your application package, please be sure to complete and include the following items:

- Application Form (Pages 2-3)
- Short Answer Questions (Page 4)
- Essay (Page 4)
- Two Letters of Recommendation (with attached and completed form on Page 5 for each)
- Scholarship Application Form (if applicable)*

*Scholarship Application Form can be downloaded by visiting www.ervk.org



Applicant Name: _____

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The Eleanor Roosevelt Center Boys' Leadership Worldwide (BLW) program is an international, ten-day summer leadership program for high school boys who demonstrate leadership potential in their schools and communities. Participants from across the world of various cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds come together to acquire the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to exercise leadership rooted in the courage, compassion, and perseverance modeled by Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt. BLW consists of interactive workshops, presentations, discussions, and other hands-on training in specific leadership skills, including public speaking and team building.

To benefit from this full, intense experience, participants must be mature, self-motivated and respectful. We would appreciate your thoughtful reflection on these and other qualities that will help us evaluate this applicant for our program. Please mention in your letter any aspects of the applicant's personality, character, or situation that you consider pertinent to our program. If you have any further questions about BLW, please contact us at (845) 229-5302, or email us at BLW@ervk.org. Also visit our website: www.ervk.org.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

NAME: _____
(Last) (First)

TITLE: _____ ORGANIZATION: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP/COUNTRY: _____

EMAIL: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT? _____

Please attach to this form a one-page letter of reference that includes the applicant's full name with specific examples or anecdotes that illustrate any combination of:

- the applicant's leadership skills and potential
- his ability to communicate
- his maturity, independence, and perseverance
- his awareness of social / civic issues
- his ability to be a team player
- his involvement with school and/or community activities
- his inquisitiveness/curiosity about life and the larger world
- his interpersonal skills
- any special talents/skills he possesses

Reference must be received by March 30, 2018. Completed reference forms can be submitted as follows:

Option 1: Please give to the applicant who will submit it with his application materials.

Option 2: Send directly to: Eleanor Roosevelt Center
BLW Application
PO Box 255
Hyde Park, NY 12538
Fax: 845-229-0742 Email: BLW@ervk.org