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Recognizing the need to engage young and upcoming professionals and advance progressive leadership within the Greater Lansing Community, Capital Area United Way (CAUW) presents the Young Leaders Society.

## Mission and Vision

**Mission Statement:** To engage, inspire, and empower young professionals in the community to make a positive and lasting impact through education, volunteering, and philanthropy.

**Vision Statement:** YLS will build a strong future for the Capital Area by supporting young leaders who are actively seeking to give, advocate, and volunteer.

## Membership Benefits

YLS will provide members with a variety of opportunities to meet like-minded emerging leaders and participate in networking mixers, business functions, volunteer projects, leadership development and interactive sessions. By the end of the curriculum, members will have increased their ability to manage challenges and apply what they learn in their leadership roles. They will also have broadened their network of professionals and friendships and scope of knowledge on matters impacting their community.

Members will have the unique opportunity to:

- connect with local board committees and subcommittees, essentially becoming an active member
- participate in leadership development workshops and engage in immersion activities to promote understanding and gain experience;
- build relationships with prominent community members including government officials, civic leaders and local entrepreneurs;
- apply and put into practice invaluable leadership skills through hands-on and problem solving activities

## Nomination Requirement

YLS is ideal for individuals between the ages 22 and 35. Nominations can only be submitted by leaders from the public or private sectors. The nominees may come from any sector of society and should know the nominator directly. The deadline to submit a completed YLS nomination form along with a letter of recommendation is August 21, 2009. The nominator will be requested to include a summary of the nominee's background, as well as confirmation that the candidate is interested in joining YLS by having the nominee fill out an application. Applications/Nominations should be sent to the attention of Amanda Masters at [a.masters@capitalareaunderway.org](mailto:a.masters@capitalareaunderway.org).

## Candidate Selection Process

Nominees will be selected according to the following criteria:

- leadership potential and initiative in the public or private sectors
- desire to make a difference in the lives of individuals within their community

Membership spots are limited. Diversity of people and professions as well as commitment to the Tri-County Community is key in the selection process.

## Membership Application

Nominees should complete and submit the membership application form by August 21, 2009 to Amanda Masters, the CAUW's YLS contact person, at [a.masters@capitalareaunderway.org](mailto:a.masters@capitalareaunderway.org). The YLS Advisory Committee will review all applications. Applicants chosen for membership will be notified on September 7, 2009. Twenty membership spots are available for 2009/2010. The Members will devote a minimum of 40 hours to leadership development and community involvement. \*Members will need approval from employers.

## Topics

The YLS calendar is a 6-month program running from September 2009 through February 2010. The YLS program calendar is designed around a leadership skills curriculum and select community events offering a variety of engaging intellectual and personal development activities, including the following forums or projects:

- The Culture of Nonprofits & The Value of Volunteering
- Generational Difference in the Workplace
- Decision Making/Goal Setting/Problem Solving
- Leadership Styles and Characteristics
- Cross-Cultural Communication for Leadership
- Nonprofit Public Relations/Fundraising
- Managing Committees
- Roundtable with Executives