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Lifelong Leaders Afterschool Club (LLAC) Informational Guide

A Project of the Council on American-Islamic Relations – Texas Austin & DFW

Purpose: LLAC aims to develop the next generation of American Muslim leaders by providing a depth leadership curriculum, networking with other students, and real-world experiences.

Summary: The Lifelong Leaders Afterschool Club (LLAC) is a year-long leadership program for high school students that introduces them to CAIR essential skills.

These skills include:

- Public Speaking
- Mastering Debate
- Islamic History & Identity
- How to Influence Government
- & the Art of Leadership

How to Signup: Students must register online to be part of LLAC 2021 – 2022. Note, students must register for each session separately. Meaning, students who register for the fall semester must then re-register for the spring semester.

- **Register Online:** www.CAIRTx.org/LeadershipClub

Costs: \$50 per student per semester program

- **Financial Assistance:** We will never let costs stand in the way of students who would like to participate in this program. Any student needing financial assistance will either be given a reduced price or at no cost.

Outline of the Course: For the school year 2021 – 2022, the course will operate in the following manner:

- **Two 8-week courses:** One that meets in the fall and the other 8-week course that meets in the spring.
 - **Fall Semester:** Sept. 14th – Nov. 2nd
 - **Spring Semester:** TBD
 - **Fall Semester Courses:** Leadership, Public Speaking & Debate
 - **Spring Semester Courses:** Leadership, How to Influence Government, and Islamic History
- **Weekly Teaching Sessions:** students will meet weekly in the evenings for an hour and a half session where future leaders will be introduced to CAIR essential skills through lectures, interactive sessions, team exercises, and competition.
- **In-Person & Virtual:** Students will have both an in-person and a virtual option that they can choose from.
- **Real Life Experiences & Competitions:** After each CAIR essential skill is introduced, students will participate in a real-life experience to showcase their skills. For example:

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- **Public Speaking Session:** Public speaking competition with cash prizes.
- **Debate Session:** Debate competition with cash prizes.
- **Islamic History:** A group trivia contest and presentation expo.
- **How to Influence Government:** A one-day visit to Austin, Texas for a statewide Mock Legislative program.

Upon Successful Completion:

- **Certificates of Completion:** Upon successful completion of LLAC, students will receive certificates of completion.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Participants will also receive letters of recommendation from the CAIR-Texas staff and its Executive Director.
- **CAIR-Texas College Scholarship:** Participants who complete both sessions will be eligible for the \$1,000.

Volunteer Opportunities: Our team will organize several volunteer opportunities throughout the year, both in-person and virtual, for LLAC participants. Students who participate in these activities will receive “volunteer hours” from either CAIR-Texas or our partnering organizations. Note, LLAC participants are responsible for tracking and submitting their hours by filling out volunteer sheets and introducing them to their schools.

Safety of Students: CAIR-TX holds the safety cares for the safety of all participants. Much of this program is virtual. Those activities that may be in person will follow strict social distancing guidelines and safety measures.

Questions: Our dedicated staff is here to assist you, answer your questions, and be a resource. If you have any questions, request a formal presentation, or have ideas on improving the program, please contact us.

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