







Eagle Merit Program

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Group Name	Eligibility	Descriptions	Activities	Meeting Dates	Program Cost
 <p>New Youth Participants– the newly hatched eaglets</p>	Point of entry program for all youth participants	New youth participants are enrolled in the SHIELD Saturday Leadership Academy (12-week leadership intensive program) to be eligible to continue participating in our programs and services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHIELD Portfolio Vision Board 	Every Saturday between February 1 – April 25, 2019 from 1 PM – 3 PM.	\$175 LIMITED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
 <p>Mentoring Cluster I – eaglets preparing to leave the nest</p>	1 st year returning youth participants.	Youth will be paired with mentors in mentoring clusters based on similar hobbies and interests. Participants are required to spend 36 - 52 contact hours within a year in order to complete the requirement to move up in the organization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Plan 36 - 52 Mentoring Contact Hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 26, 2019 Nov 23, 2019 Dec 21, 2019 Feb 22, 2020 Mar 28, 2020 Apr 25, 2020 – AWARDS CEREMONY <p>Mentoring contact hours will be fulfilled through in-school and SHIELD-approved mentoring activities.</p>	FREE
 <p>Mentoring Cluster II – eaglets leaving the nest for the first time</p>	2 nd year returning youth participants.	Youth will be paired with mentors in mentoring clusters based on similar hobbies and interests. Participants are required to spend 36 - 52 additional contact hours within a year in order to complete the requirement to move up in the organization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Plan 36 - 52 Mentoring Contact Hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 26, 2019 Nov 23, 2019 Dec 21, 2019 Feb 22, 2020 Mar 28, 2020 Apr 25, 2020 – AWARDS CEREMONY <p>Mentoring contact hours will be fulfilled through in-school and SHIELD-approved mentoring activities.</p>	FREE

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	7 th -8 th graders	Youth participants will begin to build public speaking skills and public service skills to show exemplary leadership within the community. Mentoring clusters will be formed to work on community initiatives such as homelessness prevention, childhood literacy, sustainable foods, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Speaking and Speech Writing Skills 6 SHIELD-related Community Service Outings (based on assigned mentoring clusters) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 12, 2019 Nov 9, 2019 Dec 14, 2019 Feb 8, 2020 Mar 14, 2020 Apr 11, 2020 Apr 25, 2020 – AWARDS CEREMONY 	\$75
	9 th -10 th graders	Youth participants will develop an entrepreneurial mindset and begin to learn how to manage money. They will present their learning by developing and presenting a mock business plan with a budget.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy Program Business Plan Professional Marketing Materials Business Fair and Retail Booths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 19, 2019 Nov 16, 2019 Dec 21, 2019 Feb 15, 2020 Mar 21, 2020 Apr 18, 2020 Apr 25, 2020 – AWARDS CEREMONY 	\$75
	11 th -12 th graders	Youth participants will serve on the youth leadership board to help direct the future of the organization and serve in a leadership position as a peer mentor to help lead discussions during the leadership intensive program. Youth participants interact with local businesses for on-site visits. Upon completion, youth participants will develop a plan for the future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly Leadership Meetings Peer Mentors (must have good academic standing) Corporate Shadowing Plans for Future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 5, 2019 Nov 2, 2019 Dec 7, 2019 Feb 1, 2020 Mar 7, 2020 Apr 4, 2020 Apr 25, 2020 – AWARDS CEREMONY 	\$75