

Latino Youth Leadership Summer Program

Free for RUSD incoming freshmen who apply!

The **Inland Empire Future Leaders Program (IEFLP)** provides leadership development training, college preparation, and mentorship for Latino 8th and 9th grade students from throughout the Inland Empire (primarily Riverside and San Bernardino Counties). The IEFLP Summer Leadership Conference is a six-day, overnight program that takes place in the mountain community of Idyllwild. Youth receive training in diverse aspects of leadership, cultural activities to enhance self-esteem, and college preparedness. Additionally, delegates are introduced to potential career fields; this information is provided by adult role models representing law, medicine, education, government, military, and community service groups.

IEFLP also hosts academic year conferences to build upon the skills learned in the summer program. Emphasis is placed on public speaking, motivation for academic success, and encouragement for school and community involvement. The all-volunteer staff encourages students to become involved in their high schools, to attend college, gain a profession, and then return to their communities as adults in order to give back. These follow-up conferences also involve parents by providing workshops for the parents and families of IEFL students.

Four-year follow-up surveys indicate that this leadership experience leaves a lasting impression on our delegates and positively influences program participants. The surveys also confirm a 99% high school graduation and a 90% college-going rate for students participating in the IEFL Program.

In short, the IEFLP works. The organization trains local youth to be successful in school and to contribute back to their communities. Many IEFL Alumni have been inspired to return to Riverside and the Inland Empire as teachers, doctors, engineers, attorneys, and members of the US House of Representatives (Coachella Valley Congressman Raul Ruiz and Redlands Congressman Pete Aguilar are IEFL alumni).

The summer camp will be June 14 - June 19, 2020. The Riverside Unified School District will sponsor 30 district students this summer. This opportunity is open to RUSD students that are entering the 9th grade in the fall of 2021. The RUSD Student Application Deadline is March 1, 2020.

Note: You can download a PDF Form version of the application from the IEFL website: www.iefl.org.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Be in the 8th or 9th grade this academic year
2. Have demonstrated academic and leadership potential
3. Have a 2.8 GPA or higher on applicant's current transcript
4. Complete and submit the IEFLP application postmarked or submitted online no later than March 1, 2020

