

EMPOWERING
CENTRAL
OHIO'S

STUDENT LEADERS



The Central Ohio Leadership Academy (COLA) is a tuition-free, six-day leadership development program designed for rising high school juniors and seniors across Central Ohio. COLA provides an immersive, high-impact experience where students develop the skills, confidence, and self-awareness needed to lead with purpose in their schools, communities, and beyond.

Who Should Apply

The Central Ohio Leadership Academy (COLA) is open to rising high school juniors and seniors (Class of 2026 or 2027) attending a Central Ohio high school—public, private, charter, or homeschool.

Ideal candidates are:

- Able to commit to the full program schedule: July 21–26, 2025 (8 AM–4 PM daily)
- Eager to develop their leadership skills and make a positive impact
- Demonstrating leadership potential among peers
- Curious, open-minded, and motivated to learn and grow
- Involved in interests outside the classroom and willing to participate in the COLA Alumni experience

By fostering curiosity, authenticity, and trust, COLA equips students to:

- Understand and embrace their unique leadership style
- Strengthen decision-making, stress management, and goal-setting abilities
- Lead creatively through challenges and change

COLA is a life-changing opportunity for students eager to make a meaningful impact while forming lasting connections with peers from diverse backgrounds. With the generous support of donors and community partners, this cost-free experience ensures accessibility for all qualified students.

**Are you ready to unlock your leadership potential?
Join us at COLA 2025.**

Transportation accommodations are available for Franklin County participants.

Questions? Contact us at
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