



NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

ELM

Entrepreneurship, Leadership, & Mentorship

Summary

The college's new "Entrepreneurship, Leadership, & Mentorship" (ELM) youth initiative is a 9-month extracurricular program that runs from September-May for high school juniors and seniors who are interested in developing an entrepreneurial mindset, leadership skills, and developing as young professionals. Students who are invested in personal growth will learn about business, their local communities, and how their gifts and talents can be maximized in a future career. This program places a particular emphasis on trades and other skill-based, non-traditional professions to assist students in finding and cultivating the right path for their intended vocations. With a strong presence of and exposure to experts in their fields, students will have the opportunity to become mentees of community leaders while growing their network and learning with one another.

Mission

The mission of Northwest Florida State College's (NWFS'C's) "Entrepreneurship, Leadership, & Mentorship" (ELM) youth program is to create opportunities for secondary education students to engage in and experience different vocational paths, develop an entrepreneurial mindset, advance leadership and service skills, cultivate a lifelong dedication to community involvement, and equip youth with the tools to create successful futures for themselves, their local areas, and beyond.

Goals for the Participant

- To encourage students to recognize their own potential and strive for personal growth and professional development.
- To activate the entrepreneurial mindset and build start-up skills to ensure their success and to support a more vibrant community
- To inspire students to cultivate leadership skills and an entrepreneurial mindset to carry throughout their lives.
- To provide an avenue for a diverse group of students to interact with one another, and with community leaders and decision makers.
- To expose students to the day-to-day expectations and responsibilities of various workforce specializations and career options.
- To give students hands-on experience in knowledge areas relevant to their career goals.
- To offer mentorship opportunities for students to learn from community leaders and skill experts.
- To acquaint students with local needs, resources, and other factors that influence the future development of Okaloosa and Walton counties.
- To foster students' interest in volunteer community involvement and practice service leadership.
- To equip students with the knowledge and tools to be active, effective members of society.
- To instill student pride in themselves, their communities, and their ability to give back to those communities.

Application Criteria

Applications are accepted through August 30, 2024. The class size ranges from 10-20 participants. ELM seeks participants who:

- Demonstrate leadership qualities in their school and community
- Commit necessary time and effort to complete the ELM program
- Hold high standards of personal integrity
- Desire to work with others in the community
- Must have and maintain 2.0 GPA

Graduation Requirements

Participants must attend a minimum of 6 training sessions and participate in and complete the class project to be eligible for program completion. Make-up options are available.

ELM Program Calendar

(dates subject to change)

ALL training days will meet from 3:00pm – 6:00pm

September 24, 2024 @ 3:00pm – 6:00pm - Orientation and Training Day - NWFSC Niceville Campus Building 400

October 14, 2024 @ 7:30am – 2:00pm (Teacher Workday) NWFSC Niceville Campus Building 400

November 5, 2024 @ 3:00pm – 6:00pm - NWFSC Niceville Campus Building 400

December 10, 2024 @ 3:00pm – 6:pm - NWFSC Niceville Campus Building 400

January 14, 2025 @ 3:00pm – 6:00pm - NWFSC Niceville Campus Building 400

February 17, 2025 @ 7:30am – 2:00pm (President's Day) - NWFSC Niceville Campus Building 400

March 4, 2025 @ 3:00pm – 6:00pm - NWFSC Niceville Campus Building 400

April 8, 2025 @ 3:00pm – 6:00pm - NWFSC Niceville Campus Building 400

May 2025 Completion Celebration TBD

Application for ELM

Personal

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Initial)

Home Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

High School and grade level _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Are you currently involved in after school activities, volunteer work or part time job? Explain.

Will your hours be flexible to allow time for ELM? _____

Transportation is not available. Do you have transportation to and from EML training days? _____

Questionnaire

What 3 adjectives describe you best?

What are your educational and career goals and why?

What strengths can you bring to the program and what areas would you like to improve?

Describe your top three accomplishments?

In your opinion, what are the characteristics of a leader?

In your opinion, what are the characteristics of an entrepreneur?

What skills and knowledge do you hope to gain from participating in ELM?

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Application Deadline August 30, 2024

Questions Contact: Workforce@nwfsc.edu

Application may be submitted by Mail or E-mail.

Mail: Northwest Florida State College 100

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