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**Parkland University**  
**CLASS I**  
**2009 – 2010 Program Year**  
**APPLICATION**

Parkland University is a student leadership program that offers you, a Parkland student and high school junior, the opportunity to learn more about yourself and your community. Through a series of program days, you will meet the leaders from your city, government agencies, and other organizations in the community to discover the current issues facing the City of Parkland and learn how you can be part of the solution. The Parkland University Program is an interactive experience through which you will enhance and develop your leadership skills, develop your civic knowledge and be connected with local and state legislators while learning how a city operates and thrives.

Please contact us for more information:

**Parkland University**  
**6620 University Drive**  
**Parkland, FL 33067**

**Suzi Hayes, Parkland Library**  
**Phone: (954) 757-4200**  
**[www.cityofparkland.org](http://www.cityofparkland.org)**



## Application and Program Requirements

### Please Read Instructions Carefully

**Mission:** *To provide student leaders interested in civics with the opportunity to learn about how their city operates and thrives.*

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Dear Applicant:

Congratulations on your decision to apply to Parkland University Class I! Fifteen current high school juniors from Parkland will be selected to participate in this six-month program during their junior year.

Before beginning the application, please read all information carefully and make sure that you do not have any conflicts with the dates listed. All applicants should confirm with a parent/guardian and school official before applying.

#### **Eligibility:**

Applicants must:

- Be a member of the 2009-2010 junior class of a Broward County high school (public or private) with a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Demonstrate leadership in their school and/or their community.
- Have an interest in furthering their knowledge about the City of Parkland and community leadership.
- Be approved by their High School Principal and/or Guidance Counselor.
- Commit to full participation in the Parkland University program.

#### **Student Responsibilities:**

- Students are responsible for transportation to and from program day sites. Transportation will be provided during the day.
- Program Days run from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Participants will take part in an on-going community group project, which will require time outside of the scheduled Parkland University program dates.

#### **Application Requirements:**

- Fill out the application completely and return it to Suzi Hayes, Director, Parkland Library by noon on **Thursday, October 1, 2009.**
- Your School Official must complete the School Consent Form.

#### **Selection Process:**

All applications will be reviewed by the Parkland University Selection Committee. Applicants will be notified of their Class I acceptance status by mid-October, 2009.

Good luck with your application, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions!

Respectfully,

*Richard T. French*

Richard T. French  
Program Chair  
Parkland University

**Parkland University 2009-2010**  
**Calendar of Dates**

**ORIENTATION**

Thursday, October 15, 2009  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**PROGRAM DAYS**

**Local & State Government Day**

Monday, October 26, 2009  
8:00 am – 3:30 pm

**Law Enforcement & Fire Services Day**

Monday, December 7, 2009  
8:00 am – 3:30 pm

**Development Services & Operations Day**

Monday, January 25, 2010  
8:00 am – 3:30 pm

**Leadership Development & Communications Day**

Monday March 1, 2010  
8:00 am – 3:30 pm

**GRADUATION**

Wednesday, March 3, 2010  
Graduation and awards presentation to take place at City Commission meeting.

**Extra Curricular Requirement:**

Each Class I member will attend at least one (1) City of Parkland Commission meeting as well as one (1) City Advisory Board meeting during the six month program.

***Dates and times subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.***

You must attend the Orientation, Graduation, as well as at least three of the four monthly Program Days, in order to graduate from this program. Also, active participation in an assigned community group project is required throughout the program year. And finally, youth chosen for Parkland University will be expected to act as ambassadors between their school and City Hall during both their junior and senior years. This role shall be defined more specifically during the course of the program year (Minimal time requirement).

**Keep this information for your records!**

**Parkland University Class I**



**PARKLAND UNIVERSITY**  
**CLASS I 2009 – 2010 APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
***(IMPORTANT: Most of our communication takes place electronically.)***

School presently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address (if different from above)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you learn about the Parkland University Program? Circle all that apply:**

- |                               |               |                      |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Teacher                       | Principal     | School Announcements |
| Guidance Counselor            | BRACE Advisor | Parent               |
| Friend                        | Sibling       |                      |
| Other (please specify): _____ |               |                      |

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

List any recent work experience, paid or volunteer, and briefly explain your responsibilities (please indicate any work experience that is current or ongoing):

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**ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

Please list in order of importance to you up to four school, volunteer, religious, social, athletic, civic or other activities/organizations in which you have participated during high school.

	ACTIVITY/ORGANIZATION	GRADE	POSITION
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. What is your definition of a "leader?" \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Why are you a good candidate for the Parkland University program?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Please list any hobbies or special interests that you have: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name:

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(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

**ESSAY**

Using the space below, please respond to the following questions in **250 words or less**. (Suggestion: type your response on a separate sheet of paper and then cut and paste your response in the space below.) **Please be sure to sign your essay.**

**What current issue in Broward County is most prevalent to you and how does it affect the community as a whole?**

**And, as a student leader, what can you proactively do to alter or enhance its projected outcome?**

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: X

## **PROGRAM CONSENT FORM**

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(LAST)

(FIRST)

(MIDDLE)

**Please read the following statements below before signing. All signatures must be complete in order for this application to be processed.**

1. I understand that the applicant must attend the Orientation, Graduation, as well as at least three of the four Program Days, in order to graduate from this program. As a Parkland University class member, active participation in an assigned community group project is required throughout the program year. *(Note: School attendance credit will be granted for each program day attended. Community Service hours will be earned for participation in the community group project.)*
2. I have reviewed the Parkland University 2009-2010 Calendar of Dates before submitting this application and understand the attendance requirement.
3. I understand that I am expected to act as an ambassador between my school and the City of Parkland during the course of the 2009-2010 program year, as well as potentially the 2010-2011 senior year. I also understand that this expectation will be more clearly defined during the course of the Parkland University program year.
4. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from Parkland University events. Parkland University provides transportation during each program session. All students are required to utilize provided transportation unless other arrangements are made in advance with Parkland University.
5. During the Parkland University Program, photographs will be taken. I consent to the use of the applicant's photograph in any literature or videos involved with this leadership program.

**Applicant's signature:** X \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's signature:** X \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## REFERENCE FORM

**TO THE APPLICANT:** Please write your name below and then give this reference form to an adult who knows you well, other than a parent or relative (e.g., teacher, administrator, or employer).

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(LAST)

(FIRST)

(MIDDLE)

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**TO THE REFERENCE:** The above applicant for Parkland University has selected you as a reference. The Selection Committee is interested in your statements regarding the applicant. The Committee is aware of the time necessary to prepare this assessment and gratefully acknowledges your help in providing an honest appraisal of this applicant.

Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I recommend this applicant: (select one)**

- Unreservedly       With reservations       Not an appropriate candidate

**Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.** When answering these questions, please consider the applicant's skills and aptitude as they relate to ***academic motivation, leadership, self-confidence, warmth of personality, sense of humor, concern for others, energy, emotional maturity, and personal initiative.***

1. How long and in what capacity have you known this applicant?
2. What do you consider the applicant's primary talents or strengths to be?
3. In what area(s) do you feel the applicant could improve upon?
4. Why do you feel this applicant is a good candidate for Parkland University?
5. Is there anything else that we should know about this candidate?

## SCHOOL CONSENT FORM

**To the Applicant:** Please write your name below and then give this form, along with all completed application materials, to your Guidance Counselor, who will complete the remainder of this form and mail all application materials to Leadership Broward Foundation.

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(LAST)

(FIRST)

(MIDDLE)

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**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

**School Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's GPA:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**GPA Calculated on a scale of:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**I recommend this applicant: (select one)**

- Unreservedly       With reservations       Not an appropriate candidate

I understand that the applicant must attend the mandatory Orientation, Graduation, as well as at least three of the four Program Days, in order to graduate from this program. School attendance credit will be granted for school time missed due to participation in this program and community service hours will be given for the completion of the Community Project through Parkland University. *By signing below you agree to the terms and conditions set forth on this application by the City of Parkland Education Advisory Board and Parkland University.*

**Guidance  
Counselor's  
Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guidance  
Counselor's  
Signature:**    **X** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal's  
Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal's  
Signature:**    **X** \_\_\_\_\_



Completed applications must be delivered by  
5:00pm, October 1, 2009 to:

Suzi Hayes, Director  
City of Parkland Library  
6620 University Drive  
Parkland, FL 33067  
(954) 757-4200

**Please send all application materials as ONE PACKET.**

**Please call Suzi Hayes at (954) 757-4200  
with any questions you may have about the application process.**

*Good Luck!*



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

**PARKLAND UNIVERSITY APPLICATION 2009 – 2010  
A PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF PARKLAND EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD**