

# Good Citizen Day

## Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Good Citizen Day, presented by The Union League Legacy Foundation, is an engaging all-day civics education program. This year's program is on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, running for students from 9:00am until about 8:30pm.

The program is fun, fast-paced, interactive and educational. In the morning, students work in small groups for fun "ice-breakers," role playing and discussion about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. After lunch, the group travels to Philadelphia City Hall. At City Hall, students explore "civics in action" by participating in interactive legislative, executive, and judicial programs. After City Hall, everyone returns to the Union League for a celebratory reception and awards banquet.

Good Citizen Day started in 1946 to recognize high school students who demonstrate good citizenship, and encourage them to stay actively engaged in their communities. Youth-serving organizations nominate students for the Good Citizenship Award and to attend Good Citizen Day. Each year, nearly 300 students gather for the day to meet one another, discuss the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, debate issues, and are honored and recognized as "good citizens."

### Important dates:

- Wednesday, February 5 – Nominations due from Agency Partners
  - Students can only participate in the program if nominated by one of our established agency partners.
- Mid-March – Congratulatory letters/Good Citizen Day invite letters sent to the students
  - Students must RSVP to the Legacy Foundation to confirm their attendance
- April 29 – join for the 74<sup>th</sup> annual Good Citizen Day
  - Facilitators asked to report by 7:30am for breakfast & training
  - Students asked to report by 8:30am

### Schedule of the day:

8:30am to 12:30pm – Activities at the Union League

12:30pm to 5:00pm – Government in Action program at Philadelphia's City Hall

5:00pm to 8:30pm – Evening banquet/formal presentation of Good Citizenship Awards

### Things to know for the day:

Students are not allowed to bring anything but a photo ID into City Hall. Other items will be securely stored at the Union League for the afternoon, retrieved upon return to the Union League. Leave your backpacks home, and bring only what you need for the day! **Your ID is the only thing you must bring.**

### Parents/Guardians:

Regretfully, we cannot accommodate parents/guardians for any part of the program. The evening banquet is live streamed via [www.ullegacy.org](http://www.ullegacy.org), active shortly before the dinner begins at 6:00pm on April 29.

To learn more about the day, watch this video: [https://youtu.be/49oqD\\_6JKiw](https://youtu.be/49oqD_6JKiw)