



# Youth Leadership Essay

## Dr. Jack Bloomfield Award Winner

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My name is Kaylyn Clark. I go to Ditmas I.S. 62 and I am a 8th grader in class 850. I play major roles in the school as a friend, classmate, peer, but most importantly as a 8th grade leader. My specific role as a student leader is fundraising, spreading awareness, and helping the community and school. As a leader, it is my job to make sure everyone in the school is comfortable. Another job as a leader is to be a role model for my peers and the future generations so that there can be more leaders to fight against the other world problems.

I would use my leadership skills to reimagine the future by educating people on different world topics to possibly change their point-of-view to something that could help the community or the world. I hope for a future where there is no more violence and where everyone is equal and have fair opportunities.

The organizations I was in are Youth Leadership Council Network at NYC Junior Ambassadors Club, Student Leadership, and Starr leaders in the Pennsylvania Council for Social Studies STARR leaders group. A description of detail activities that I am involved in are the Youth Leadership program, Junior ambassadors, Ditmas, GSA - Inclusion for ALL club, and Ditmas Trends. The leadership role I play in these activities is being a leader to help my fellow peers in my community and school.

Me being a leader in the Youth Leadership program, Junior ambassadors, GSA - Inclusion for ALL club, and Ditmas Trends made me a better person, leader, friend, and peer. It made me learn how to fight for what is right, learn

with confidence, and work on my weaknesses and turn them into strengths. Being a leader in these programs built me into the person I am today. These programs made me have confidence in myself and my ideas. They made me realize how good it is to help go into the direction of solving world problems.

My participation in these activities shaped my views as a leader because I never thought middle schoolers could ever do so much. As Junior ambassadors we went to United Nations to talk about our project. We met the mayor and set up a GoFundMe that raised \$270 out of our \$220 goal. We also met the ambassador of Jamaica and had a sit down conversation with him. We also fundraised teddy grams and everyone in the school looked really happy to do this. It brought people closer because it was during Valentines day. We also participated in the leaves, cocoon, and butterflies project where the whole school talked about their experiences in the school and how they liked the school. All of these times helped me realize it doesn't matter how old you are, you can do anything if you keep trying and believe, you can do it.

I would use these leadership skills to re-imagine the future by educating others on world topics, organizing events where people can connect with one another, and by fighting for a future where there is no violence and where there is equality for everyone. I would use my leadership skills to work in the justice system or the UN. I would work in the UN because I could help people going to war have peace. I would also work in the justice system because I could get justice for people who got injustice and for people who need justice to be served who didn't get it. If I had one chance to use my leadership skills I would help people in need.