The Wyman Teen Leadership Program selection process is rigorous. Before nominating any student, please carefully consider their preparedness to embrace the challenge of the Wyman Teen Leadership Program. Youth who do not meet the minimum qualifying criteria (listed below) will not be considered. Nominating a teen, whether or not they are accepted, is a recognition of their great reputation.

The Wyman Teen Leadership Program is designed to keep a student with promise on track and to help him/her achieve their fullest potential as a student, as a leader, and as a contributor to the community. The Wyman Teen Leadership Program is not designed to address the needs of children who are under-performing or not yet ready for the long-term commitment required.

Wyman TLP participants must commit to six years of school year programming, service events, and long-term summer residential experiences.

Nominees with high potential for admission to the TLP display qualities like these:
- Currently in 8th grade
- Economically challenged household
- Doing okay school; minimum grade point average of 2.5
- Positive attitude; history of appropriate behavior in school & the community
- Consistent and reliable adult support
- Leadership potential & desire to be successful
- Ability to respect peers and people in positions of authority

Wyman Teen Leadership Program opportunities are intended for students whose families are not able to provide enriching experiences like these due to a lack of financial resources. (Generally students who receive free or reduced lunches at school fall into our family income guidelines.)

The Wyman Teen Leadership Program is a leadership development program. We do not expect nominees to already be performing at an outstanding level.