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## **Fort Bend County Judge KP George Accepting Applicants For Youth Leadership Program**

**(FORT BEND, TX)** - Fort Bend County Judge KP George invites high school and college-age students to apply to his 9-month Youth Leadership program. Students must be residents of Fort Bend County to be eligible.

The Youth Leadership program supports young people who are interested in local issues, seeking to form connections with peers from across the county, inspire community involvement, and build leadership skills.

Students will be paired with community, business, and county leaders from a variety of fields and interact with their mentor on a wide variety of topics, including leadership, the environment, mental health, law enforcement, emergency response, economic development, recycling, healthcare, and more.

“It is our duty as community, business, and government leaders to serve as mentors for our young people, especially those who express an interest in leadership. This program empowers young people to explore real issues that are impacting their communities,” said Fort Bend County Judge KP George. “Participants will have an opportunity to expand their critical thinking and understanding of advocacy and develop the skills needed to advocate for change.”

The Youth Leadership Program is a 9-month commitment. The first 3 months of the program include weekly meetings held on Tuesday from 6 pm -7 pm. For the remainder of the program, meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month from 6 pm - 7 pm.

Applications must be received by Wednesday, April 27. Fifty students will be selected on May 11, based on qualifications, experience, and an interest in

advocacy. Visit [fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/commissioners-court/county-judge/2022-youth-leadership-program](https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/commissioners-court/county-judge/2022-youth-leadership-program) to apply.

For more information about the Youth Leadership program, email [fbj.judge@fbctexas.gov](mailto:fbj.judge@fbctexas.gov) or call Vanessa McKeehan at 281-633-7769.

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