United Future Leaders (UFL) is an after-school leadership development program for youth in grades 5-6. UFL promotes qualities such as civility, ethics & leadership through experiential, hands-on curricula, mentoring, relationship building and service.

**UFL IMPACT:**
What UFL volunteers and staff are saying...

“Volunteering with UFL has provided me with the opportunity to speak into the lives of students and give back to my former elementary school.”

“I felt appreciated and valued as an individual. My efforts were noticed and acknowledged. I felt like an important part of the organization.”

“It was a fun environment that allowed a lot of teaching and mentoring, while other programs involved just being a friend.”

“You have hands-on involvement. You don’t have to go through the application process and sit on the sidelines. You’re in the action...and be an inspiration.”

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**Civility, Ethics & Leadership**
are the foundational concepts of United Future Leaders. The themes below are the building blocks that support individual growth and self-awareness among our participants.

- **Physical Safety**—I am safe
- **Emotional Security**—I know my feelings & honor them
- **Identity**—How I see myself and how others see me
- **Belonging**—I belong
- **Competence**—I have abilities
- **Mission & Purpose**—I have direction & purpose
- **Service**—I help others, expecting nothing in return
- **Civility**—I treat others as I would want them to treat me
- **Ethics**—I do the right thing when no one is looking
- **Leadership**—Bringing out the best in myself and others

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**Volunteer Opportunities**

If you are interested in volunteering during the 2016-2017 school year...

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Volunteering with UFL

The UFL program is comprised of three full-time, certified staff members, 2-3 TTU graduate assistants and 3-5 undergraduate student assistants. Due to the large amount of program growth, UFL relies heavily on TTU student volunteers to assist with curriculum implementation and program facilitation at 14 campuses each week. UFL welcomes students from a wide variety of majors and fields of study, as having volunteers with diverse career and personal interests benefits program participants by providing adult mentors they can relate to and learn from.

Volunteer Expectations:
⇒ Commit to a minimum of one campus per week (2 hours/week)
⇒ Attend one curriculum training meeting per week (1 hour/week)
⇒ Maintain consistent communication with UFL program directors
⇒ Uphold the values and professional expectations of the UFL program
⇒ Be willing to have fun, learn and serve as a positive role model for youth and UFL team member!

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Benefits of Volunteering

The adult volunteers with UFL frequently report positive benefits in their own lives and future plans due to experiences during program delivery.

Volunteer Benefits:
⇒ Consistent opportunity for volunteer/service experience with an institutional outreach and engagement program (Great resume builder!).
⇒ Letters of recommendation provided by TTU staff members for scholarships or employment opportunities.
⇒ Networking opportunities with dozens of emerging leaders and professionals from various fields of study.
⇒ Potential opportunity for employment as a student assistant/graduate assistant after 1 year of consistent volunteer commitment.

The relationships established through ongoing participation in UFL provide lasting positive benefits to both young leaders and adult facilitators.

UFL: Our Vision

To create environments of success where all leaders thrive.

Research shows that providing youth the opportunity to form relationships with positive adult mentors and role models, in addition to those already present in their daily lives (parents and teachers), increases their likelihood to make positive choices.

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“Our college volunteers are vital in promoting leadership among youth and find themselves inspired to apply the UFL concepts in their daily lives.”
Gloria Gonzales, Director