



First Annual Youth Leadership Seminar to Take Place This Weekend

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Delegates to Minnesota MILE will begin registration at 8 a.m. on Friday morning in Sorin Hall and stay on the Hamline campus until Sunday afternoon. The delegates will begin the seminar with an opening ceremony where they will be introduced to each other, their facilitator and seminar assistant, and placed into groups for the weekend's activities. The seminar is a program of panel discussions, keynote addresses, a community service component/activity and fun.

Minnesota MILE is a nonprofit organization aimed at Motivating and Inspiring Leadership and Excellence in Minnesota's youth. Our mission is to identify and develop youth leadership in Minnesota through the promotion of personal responsibility, volunteerism, and social awareness. Our mission is carried out by providing interactive opportunities for critical thinking, promoting democracy and the free enterprise system, and encouraging social responsibility among individuals and corporations. We challenge our delegates to think for themselves in order to become critical thinkers, enhance their leadership skills through active involvement in the community, and practice their knowledge of the American democratic process and free enterprise system.

How do we do this? Minnesota MILE seeks to identify and develop youth leadership in Minnesota's high school sophomores. Students are introduced to Minnesota MILE through a three-day intensive leadership seminar. After the seminar, the sophomores become Minnesota MILE alumni and begin leading in and contributing to their communities. These students will also be challenged to do a number of hours of community service each year. TRAIL, the national program associated with Minnesota MILE, was founded in 2002 by volunteers who believed strongly in youth leadership and the need to make it available to all students and schools without a fee. Minnesota MILE is a life long experience of leadership and service.

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