

# Rising Stars

Youth Leadership Program

***Building Tomorrow's Leaders Today***

The development of youth leadership is a common need expressed by almost every community organization. To address this need, the Nikkei Federation Youth Development Programs team developed the ***Rising Stars Youth Leadership Program***. **Rising Stars** is a leadership development & cultural education program for high school students.



The goal of the program is to train leaders and to inspire youth involvement in the Japanese American community by presenting a series of active, engaging workshops on a variety of leadership topics.



## **Workshops topics include:**

- Japanese American Community Awareness
- Working in Groups
- Networking
- Powerful and Persuasive Presentations
- Being Assertive

Participants will have an opportunity to apply their skills by planning and implementing a group project. The 2007-08 Rising Stars group project was the **Japanese American Community Miniature Golf Tournament and Raffle**.

## **Where and When**

Sessions will be held on selected Saturdays from November through March, at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo, Downtown Los Angeles.

## **How to Apply**

Applications for the 2008-2009 Rising Stars Youth Leadership Program will be available on our website in July 2008. Applicants must be enrolled in high school during the 2008-2009 school year. Enrollment will be limited to a maximum of 25 students.

## **Sponsorship Opportunities**

Sponsorship opportunities are available for our future Rising Stars Youth Leadership Programs. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact us for more information.

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