

GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS of MASSACHUSETTS  
on behalf of the  
**Massachusetts Youth Leadership Foundation**



GFWC of Massachusetts is a leading sponsor of MassSTAR,  
an experience that changes lives by empowering citizenship in student leaders.

**To: School Principals, Advisors, Guidance Counselors and Teachers**

**What is the Massachusetts Youth Leadership Foundation's Vision?**

The MYL Foundation seeks to empower citizenship through actively engaging **high school sophomores** to build their confidence and potential as positive agents of change and service to their communities. Workshops, speakers, and activities planned for the **3-day Conference** demonstrate to students how central they are—as individuals and as a community of young people—in transforming their world.

With experience acquired at the conference, students return to schools as better citizens, eager to affect change through collaboration with others. Empowerment is central to the **MassSTAR** vision, modeling that student leaders can have real impact on the people and world around them.

**MassSTAR** stands for Massachusetts **ST**udents **A**ccepting **R**esponsibility. Becoming active citizens means accepting responsibility for our actions.

**One sophomore from every Massachusetts-accredited public, private, charter, and vocational school is invited to participate in an exciting, hands-on learning experience held at Lasell College in Newton.**

**Student delegates to MassSTAR are nominated and chosen by their school principals, guidance counselors, teachers, and advisors** based on their demonstrated and potential leadership ability. Since its inception in 1974, MYL Foundation's annual programs have reached more than 5,000 students. *Over 125 high schools in Massachusetts already participate!*

Will YOU be nominating a student as delegate to the next MassSTAR?



## The MassSTAR Citizenship Conference aims to:

- Model effective citizenship skills, challenging students to lead their peers and communities;
- Create a union of great student leadership throughout the Commonwealth;
- Build confidence to serve effectively, to know that service lies at the heart of effective leadership in communities;
- Challenge students to return home with a new drive to lead positive change.

## How can you provide this opportunity to a sophomore in your school?

Select one primary representative and one alternate representative from your school. Submit your nomination online at: <http://www.massyouthleadership.org/nominate.html>

All delegates must attend the full three days of the MassSTAR Citizenship Conference; delegates are not permitted to leave campus during the event. If the primary delegate has a conflict, MassSTAR will offer the position to the alternate provided from your school.

## What does the MassSTAR Citizenship Conference cost?

The conference is provided at **no cost to students, their parents, or their schools**. Supporting businesses and partner organizations raise all funds needed to facilitate the conference. **All expenses except for transportation to and from the conference site are fully covered.** The MYL Foundation believes that no student should feel dissuaded or unable to attend due to a transportation or financial burden. Any delegate who requires assistance should feel free to contact the Conference Directors who we will be happy to make needed arrangements.

## More information that can be found at <http://www.massyouthleadership.org>:

- Who designs the MassSTAR Citizenship Conference?
- Who is eligible for the MassSTAR conference?
- What high schools in the Commonwealth are already participating in MassSTAR?



## What if I have more questions before I nominate?

Please visit <http://www.massyouthleadership.org/masstar.html> or use the following contacts for additional insight on how to nominate a deserving sophomore for this unique leadership opportunity.

Colleen Myers, MassSTAR Conference Director (617) 663- 8695

Name of sponsoring club in your area \_\_\_\_\_



Contact person for the club \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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