



Developing the next generation of Indonesian leaders



2017 YLI REGIONAL APPLICATION
ESSAY TOPIC & GUIDELINE

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Write your essay (max. 500 words)



Describe your recent, meaningful, and impactful leadership experience

Choose a theme, your '**leadership experience**' could be one of the following (not-exhaustive):

- **Lead self** (e.g.: addressing personal challenges, creating a product from scratch, initiate a new community, etc)
- **Lead team** (e.g.: leading a campus organization, group of communities, a team of business project, etc)
- **Lead change** (e.g.: addressing educational issue in the community, active contribution to social/national issue, etc)

Essay Framework

- Describe the **context and situation** of the leadership experience
- Explain **your role** in your leadership experience
- Describe what and how big the **impact delivered** in your leadership experience

Please use **any questions** below to guide writing your story that are relevant to your leadership experience

Essay Questions

How did you **solve the problem** within your leadership experience?

- **Clearly describe the issue** that you faced:
 - It can be a personal problem, an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma, or a social/national issue
- What **steps and what kind of effort** did you take in solving the issue?
- What were the **significance or the impact you have created** after you solve the issue or challenge?

How did you **lead your team** within your leadership experience?

- Describe your **position, role, and size of the team**
- What were the **challenges you faced** while leading the team? (e.g.: tough decisions, irresponsible team member, conflicting schedule, etc)
- What **kind of approach** did you take in facing the issue or challenges?
- Explain the **lessons learned** from the experience and how it **shapes you as a leader**



TIPS

- Follow the **essay framework** to help you write a structured essay
- Choose an **experience close to your passion** where you have made significant contribution
- **Clearly highlight the impact** of the change brings as well as the **size of the impact**

Here are the checklist for your essay. Run through this **BEFORE** submitting your essay



Introduction

- Use two to three sentences to introduce your personal narrative topic.
- Be sure to include personal details in your first paragraph.
- Make sure your supporting details completely relate to your personal narrative.
- Did you state your personal narrative topic very clearly?
- Is your reader engaged and Interested from the very first sentence?

Body

- You should have 3 — 5 paragraphs for your personal narrative. Each paragraph should be for each one of your supporting details.
- Did you include all of your supporting details? Did you back up your details with facts?
- Make sure your paragraphs are clearly structured and easy to understand

Conclusion

- Have you included the original topic Of your personal narrative in the conclusion paragraph?
- Does your personal narrative leave the reader satisfied?
- Be sure to include a short summary of the previous paragraphs.

Overall

- Have you made the personal narrative about yourself?
- Do the paragraphs relate to the main theme of your personal narrative?
- Is the narrative written in first person (using the word "I")?