

Who is SAF?

Student Action with Farmworkers is a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring students and farmworkers together to learn about each other's lives, share resources and skills, improve conditions for farmworkers, and build diverse coalitions working for social change. SAF works with the Adelante Education Coalition at the State level to increase access to higher education for all Students.

What is the Levante Leadership Institute ?

LEVANTE

[le-ván-te] (verb)

Spanish word meaning:

“TO RAISE UP”

Through the Levante Leadership Institute SAF enhances the organizing and leadership skills of youth from farmworker families in Eastern North Carolina. SAF creates a safe space for youth to talk about issues affecting them, while using documentary, theatre and the arts to achieve school success, prepare for college, and become farm labor activists and leaders in their communities.

Participating youth will attend trainings such as:

- Team Building
- Farmworker Issues
- Education Issues
- Preparing for College
- Community Organizing
- Theatre
- Documentary

And also attend:

- 1 orientation (overnight)
- 1 retreat (overnight)
- Leadership Trainings (Monthly)
- Special events such as college days and conferences

If participants successfully complete the Institute they will receive a \$100 stipend. If they are graduating seniors they will be eligible to receive a \$500 scholarship to be used for academic purposes.



Requirements

In order to participate in the Levante Leadership Institute you must be between the ages of 12-19 and from a farmworking family in Johnston, Wake, Harnett, or Sampson counties in NC. You must submit a written application and audition for the program. Space is limited to 12 youth.

Responsibilities

Youth must fully participate in and attend the entire orientation, retreat, rehearsals, monthly trainings, performances, and special events related to Levante/SAF.

Youth must organize an event for Farmworker Awareness Week and keep journals of trainings, performances and conferences.

Parents must attend an orientation meeting and participate in Levante events by providing snacks, transportation, or serve as a chaperone for a Levante event or training.

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Levante History

SAF has been working with students and farmworkers since 1992. From 1997-2005, SAF partnered with the NC Migrant Education Program (MEP) to coordinate college days, retreats, workshops and AIM clubs in support of migrant students across the state.

In 2006, SAF restructured Levante in order to better meet the needs of a small group of farmworker youth.

Past projects

2006 - 2007

Levante youth created a play, *The Price You Pay* to educate others about work conditions faced by farmworker youth.

2007 - 2008

Levante youth created a documentary publication, *Life in the Fields* to share information about ways to prevent occupational injury and illness.

2008 - 2009

Levante youth created *¿Qué Culpa tengo yo?* a play about the many obstacles immigrant students have to go through to achieve their educational dreams.



To Learn More

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