The Emerging Leaders Conference seeks to encourage Missouri youth to become engaged in the legislative process. Divided into two parts (i.e., civic engagement and college access), this conference gives students an opportunity to build on their leadership skills. Selected applicants will participate in a range of activities focused on exploring and debating community issues, diverse political perspective and the legislative decision-making process. Students will also gain access to the college-planning process and experience postsecondary socialization on the University of Missouri campus.

Emerging Leaders is open to all rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade Missouri high school students. Transportation will be provided to students in Kansas City, St. Louis, and the Bootheel. Students who reside outside of these areas should email emergingleadersIDE@missouri.edu to learn more about transportation options.