

Joseph J. Canfield Youth Leadership Development Program

Joe Canfield was a very active community volunteer and leader in his local community. In addition, he volunteered many hours for the USTA Middle States section during its office moves and re-organizations 1990–2002, and more recently, repaired pop-up portable nets for school and public park tennis programs run by BCTA.

In Joe's honor, the BCTA has established the Joseph J. Canfield Youth Leadership Program, which is aligned with the vision, mission, and values the Bucks County Tennis Association and is based on a "learning by doing" approach.

The year-round youth leadership program is for high school students who can commit to a level of volunteer service to the BCTA in order to fulfill their school volunteer hour requirement and/or simply build their resume, self-confidence, and skill set for future work opportunities. Selected candidates gain valuable leadership and communication experience while making an important contribution to the organization and the community by working side-by-side with experienced BCTA Coaches delivering on-court tennis programs to youth and adults. Some off-court leadership opportunities may also be available.

Priority (although not exclusive) consideration will be given to candidates who participate on their high school tennis teams and/or in past/present BCTA programs.

- Star Level 1 involvement: A minimum of 2 volunteer hours at specific BCTA events such as Play Days, etc., plus at least 5 hours program participation.
- Master Level 2 involvement: A minimum 5-week commitment 2–4 hours per week (preferably for 1 full season but may be stretched to several).
- Grand Slam Level 3: involvement: Multi-season commitments (minimum 3). Requires BCTA Coach Recommendation.

Students selected may be considered for future stipend positions with the BCTA.

Note: The BCTA retains the right to terminate a BCTA Junior Leadership candidate's involvement based on sportsmanship and behavior—on or off court—that is not consistent with BCTA values, candidate's compatibility with the coach/athletes, candidate's ability to contribute, etc.

For more information about the Joseph J. Canfield Youth Leadership Development Program, please send an introductory e-mail inquiry to: buckscountytennis@verizon.net. Prospective candidates are encouraged to review the BCTA website in advance of inquiring for programs by town to determine the locations, programs, seasons, hours, etc., that they can commit to.