



The iBELIEVE Foundation

The Mission

Founded in 2010, the mission of the iBELIEVE Foundation is to provide leadership development opportunities for Appalachian Youth.

Summer Workshop

iBELIEVE Summer Workshop is a 5-day 4-night camp held at West Liberty University in Wheeling, WV. **The 2015 Summer Workshop will be held from June 14th-18th. The cost to attend is completely FREE!** The students are housed in a residence hall where they share a room with another student. Room assignments are made intentionally to place students from different schools together. Our staff members are placed strategically throughout the halls to insure adequate supervision, safety, and mentoring opportunities.

As a first year participant, rising sophomores attend Workshop I. Those students ideally will return for the Workshop II program the following summer. The cycle is completed in the third year, by participating in Workshop III/Staff Apprentice Program. This system benefits the individual student through the continuous leadership development that occurs. Schools and communities also benefit as their iBELIEVE groups grow. In more than one instance, we have seen entire school culture and climate positively transformed as a result of the iBELIEVE kids' influence.

The Programming

Our programming is designed to engage students through hands-on, experiential learning activities during events throughout the year. We focus on developing 21st century skills including:

- ◆ Creativity and innovation
- ◆ Critical thinking and problem solving
- ◆ Communication and collaboration
- ◆ Life and career skills – flexibility and adaptability; initiative and self-direction; social and cross-cultural skills; productivity and accountability; and leadership and responsibility

We also emphasize the importance of positive self-esteem and self-awareness. We seek to develop and nurture a sense of individual confidence and empowerment that will enable youth to positively impact their communities. Ultimately, the goal is that every iBELIEVE student will gain the skills and confidence necessary to pursue and attain a 4-year college degree. To that end, iBELIEVE also provides assistance in navigating the admissions process.

“Because I had the opportunity to attend the iBELIEVE West Virginia Summer Leadership Workshop, I believe anything is possible if I put my mind to it.”

“Being involved with a program like iBELIEVE has taught me to step up to the plate and not be afraid to stand out.”

“Everyone should experience this workshop!”

-Quotes from previous iBELIEVE students.



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