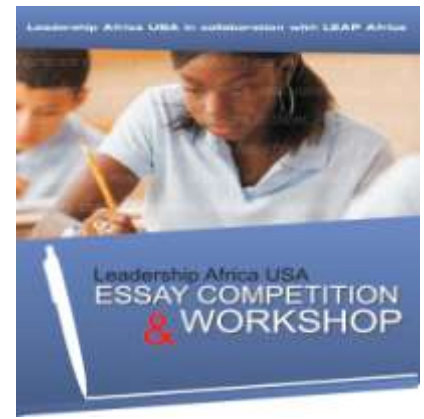




# *Winning Essay on* **LEADERSHIP**

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**L**eadership is the relationship between those who aspire to lead and those who choose to follow. Leadership is also the process whereby an individual directs a group of individuals to achieve a common goal. Leadership is also the behavior of an individual who directs the activities of a group towards a shared goal. We can categorize the exercise of leadership as actual or potential which means that it is either real or not real.

We have many levels of government such as national, state, local government, organizational level and home level. Leadership within the different levels of government is the behavior or relationship between the leader and the led. It is the way the leaders govern and direct people to achieve a common goal. If the leader, for example the president, does not do his or her job, it will affect everybody. If the leaders are partial, that is, if they favor some people, many will be suffering in our country. Even in our homes, if the fathers, who we all know as the heads of families, do not do their works as fathers, the whole family will suffer.

Leadership among the youths is proving to be a very difficult situation. Many of our youths who are leaders take advantage of their posts as leaders to maltreat other people. For example, in the secondary schools, the school prefects bully their fellow students simply because they are leaders. Some of the students who are leaders are partial, meaning that they favor some people and leave others to suffer.

They do not allow justice to prevail. They take advantage of their post and make other students suffer. Some of them are also selfish. They only work towards their well being and not for the people they are leading.

There are some qualities a leader is meant to possess. A leader should be a model worthy of emulation. A good leader should be confident, that is, by believing and depending on him to do well or handle difficult situations. A good leader ought to be enthusiastic by showing excitement or interest in important situations or things. A good leader should be tolerant, meaning that, he should allow other people to express their opinion without criticizing or punishing them. A good leader should be committed to excellence by striving to achieve a common goal. A good leader should think analytically by using methods to solve problems. A good leader should not be selfish and partial.

In conclusion, I want to say that leadership among the older ones is better than that among the youths and we can stop this by not being partial and allowing justice to prevail. We can also stop it by educating our youth leaders and counseling them on the meaning of leadership. Our leaders should also strive to see that they possess all the qualities of a good leader.