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2019-2020 Youth Leadership Rutherford Application

Applications for Incoming Seniors Only

Please read and complete EVERY section of this form. Missing, incomplete or unreadable information will cause your application to be *rejected or graded down* when reviewed for acceptance. *Neatness and legibility* are factors in the selection process.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print neatly)

Name _____
Name you prefer to be called _____ Home Phone _____
Email address _____ Cell Phone _____
Male ___ Female ___ Birthdate _____ Current Grade _____
Current School _____
Home Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____
Years in Rutherford County _____

Please include the following items with your application:

- A current photo (attached)*
- All signatures*
- Two (2) letters of recommendation*
- Personal essay*

Mail or hand-deliver application to:

YOUTH LEADERSHIP RUTHERFORD
Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce
3050 Medical Center Parkway
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND
RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 28, 2019.**

II. SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

A. List five accomplishments of which you are most proud:

B. Main area of interest in school studies:

III. ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list in order of importance five schools, volunteer, religious, social, athletic or other activities or organizations in which you have participated during the last four years, the grade year(s), and your leadership role (President, Treasurer, etc.)

	Organization/Activity	Grade(s)	Leadership Role
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____

IV. WORK EXPERIENCE

A. List any part-time job experiences (paid or volunteer) and briefly tell what was involved.

B. Do you currently have a part-time job? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, how many hours per week do you work? _____

Will it interfere with YLR in any way? _____ Yes _____ No

C. What other jobs/activities are you planning to have in the 2019-2020 school year?

V. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. What do you hope to accomplish in Youth Leadership Rutherford?

B. What do you feel are your leadership strengths? Weaknesses?

C. What are your hobbies or recreational activities?

D. What do you feel you can bring to the Youth Leadership Rutherford program?

E. Who is someone you think demonstrates good leadership and why?

VI. ESSAY

This essay is a major factor in the selection process for an interview. Sentence structure, spelling, grammar, logical thought processes and your effectiveness in supporting your conclusions are evaluated. Be sure to put your full name on the first page and your last name and the page number on your second page in the upper right hand corner. Make sure you include the essay with your application form. **Please type a two-page (double-spaced, 12-pt. Times New Roman font) response to the following question.**

“What need or problem do you see in Rutherford County, and what can you, as a high school student, do to help solve this problem or fulfill this need?”

VII. ATTENDANCE & ABSENTEEISM

The time commitment to Youth Leadership Rutherford is intense. 100% attendance is expected of each participant and school attendance credit is granted for each YLR day session attended. *One and only one* (1) absence is permitted for the year, which must be made up through four (4) hours of volunteer service.

YLR consists of a weekend orientation in September and eight program days during the year, each of which lasts approximately from 7:15am- 2pm, though times may vary slightly. Students will be notified of the details of each program day via email and are expected to be on time for all program days and to notify leaders in case of delay or absenteeism.

VII. ATTENDANCE & ABSENTEEISM (cont.)

The following is the **tentative** YLR schedule for the 2019-2020 school year, program days are typically held the second Wednesday of the month September through May:

September 13-14, 2019:	YLR Orientation
October 16, 2019:	Education Day
November 13, 2019:	Industry and Agriculture Day
December 11, 2019:	Business and Economic Development Day
January 15, 2020:	Human Needs and Services Day
February 12, 2020:	Local Government Day
March 11, 2020:	Presentation Day
April 15, 2020:	Courts and Public Safety
May 6, 2020:	Graduation

Aside from the program days, students are also required to fulfill five individual projects which will introduce them to different aspects of the community, collaborate on one group project, and keep a blog during the program year in order to graduate.

While many students participate in a variety of activities outside of YLR, each student accepted into YLR will be expected to make the significant time commitment required to graduate. We ask that each student applying for YLR carefully consider their ability to fulfill the program's requirements. It is a leadership program and we expect each participant to fulfill the requirements as they are given to them at the beginning of the year. If selected for YLR, will you make the commitment to attend all eight program sessions, from the two-day (Fri.-Sat.) orientation program through graduation, and complete the group and individual projects?

Absenteeism over the permitted one program day or failure to fulfill individual or group project or journaling requirements will result in the student being dropped from the program. If you feel you are unable to make this commitment, it is not in your best interest to apply.

VII. REFERENCES

You must include two letters of reference with your application describing why they think you would be a good applicant for this program. The first reference must be from a guidance counselor or the principal at your current school. The second one should be from any adult who knows you well, not a parent or relative.

FIRST REFERENCE

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Position/Title _____

School _____

Mailing Address _____ Zip _____

SECOND REFERENCE

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Position/Title _____

Company/Organization _____

Mailing Address _____ Zip _____

IX. REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Signature of Applicant *Date*

Signature of Parent *Date*

*Signature of Principal or Guidance Counselor ** *Date*

*This verifies the school's approval for the applicant to miss school activities in order to attend all sessions of Youth Leadership Rutherford. Without ALL signatures, the application will not be considered. All applicants will be notified in writing of the selection committee's decision. Occasionally (but not always) Youth Leadership Rutherford interviews candidates in addition to the submitted application.

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