

Selection Information

Youth Leadership Rutherford recruits rising juniors and seniors from all high schools within Rutherford County. A maximum of 32 students have the opportunity to participate in YLR each year. Participants are selected on their own merits through a written application and interview process conducted by the Leadership Rutherford council.

Criteria for Selection

- ◆ High school junior or senior
- ◆ GPA of 2.75
- ◆ Demonstrated interest in leadership positions in school and/or community
- ◆ Desire for personal growth opportunities
- ◆ Commitment to complete entire program

Tuition

The Youth Leadership Rutherford program tuition is \$200.00 per student. Tuition covers all costs of the program— meals, transportation, materials, etc.

Deadline for Applications

Applications may be obtained from school guidance offices or by calling the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce at (615) 893-6565. Applications are available online at www.rutherfordbep.org/YLR

Completed applications must be received at the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce by February 3, 2012.

Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce
3050 Medical Center Parkway
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Youth Leadership Rutherford



2012-2013

Class

Brochure

Program Information



Youth Leadership Rutherford is a selective civic education and engagement initiative for high school juniors and seniors in Rutherford County. It is directed by the Leadership Rutherford Chair, Executive Director, and Business Education Partnership (BEP) Executive Director. LR is a private, not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, existing solely on tuition, private donations and fundraising activities.

The program began as a project of the 1993-1994 Leadership Rutherford Education Study Group to encourage youth leaders to remain in Rutherford County by informing students of local opportunities. It became an officially sponsored activity of Leadership Rutherford in June 1994. The first class began in 1995.



Program Description

Youth Leadership Rutherford consists of an overnight (Fri-Sat.) weekend orientation program in September, seven seminar days from October-April and graduation in May. Each day focuses on an area of community concern and explores issues of leadership within the context of that subject. The goal of each day is to open the minds of students to the viewpoints that surround each issue and enable young people to become more visionary leaders.

Students must attend the overnight weekend orientation program and all meetings to graduate. Group projects, individual projects, journals and other assignments are also requirements for graduation. The time commitment is mandatory to achieve a complete education in each subject area and is not negotiable.



YLR Objectives

- ◆ To strengthen students' personal leadership skills AND build Rutherford County's future leaders
- ◆ To develop community awareness and initiate community interaction
- ◆ To educate students about major social, political and economic challenges and opportunities facing the area



YLR Topics

Listed below are examples of program topics that will be covered during Youth Leadership Rutherford:

- ◆ Agriculture and Industry
- ◆ Business and Economic Development
- ◆ Courts and Public Safety
- ◆ Cultural Arts
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Government
- ◆ Human Needs and Services

MISSION STATEMENT

Youth Leadership Rutherford is a personal development program designed to educate and enhance the quality of leadership skills in juniors and seniors in high school while promoting community awareness.