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**YOUTH LEADERSHIP RUTHERFORD
2012-2013
Application Form**



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 _____
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

**DEADLINE: Completed application must be RECEIVED by
February 3, 2012. No exceptions!!**

II. SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

A. List five (5) accomplishments that you are most proud of

B. Main area of interest in school studies

III. ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list in order of importance five (5) school, 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? _____ If yes, how many hours per week do you work? _____ Will it interfere with YLR in any way? _____

C. What other jobs/activities are you planning to have in the 2012-2013 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

Please type a 2-page (double-spaced, 12-pt. Times New Roman font) response to the following question.

“What do you think the role of youth is in a community?”

This essay is a major factor in the selection process for an interview. *Sentence structure, spelling, grammar, logical thought processes and how well you back up your thesis point or points* are evaluated. Be sure to put your 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.

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 retreat 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.

The following is the *tentative* YLR schedule for the 2012-2013 school year:

September 21 and 22, 2012: YLR Orientation Retreat, New Frontiers Team Builders Campus

October 12, 2012: Business and Economic Development Day

November 9, 2012: Industry and Agriculture Day

December 7, 2012: Cultural Arts Day

January 11, 2013: Health and Human Services Day

February 8, 2013: Local Government Day

March 8, 2013: Education Day

April 12, 2013: Courts and Public Safety

May 8, 2013: Graduation Dinner

Aside from the program days, students are also required to fulfill six (6) individual projects which will introduce them to different aspects of the community, collaborate on one (1) group project, and keep a journal 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. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

If selected for YLR, will you make the commitment to attend all eight program sessions, from the overnight (Fri.-Sat.) weekend Orientation program through Graduation, and complete the group and individual projects and the journal entries? _____

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 (2) 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

_____ <i>Signature of Applicant</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>
_____ <i>Signature of Parent</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>
_____ <i>* Signature of Principal or Guidance Counselor</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>

***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. Finalists will be scheduled for a personal interview in March and/or April 2012.**

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