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**YOUTH
LEADERSHIP RUTHERFORD
2009-2010 Application**



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 _____

Mail or hand deliver completed application with a *current photo*, all signatures, *two (2) letters of recommendation*, and *personal essay* to:

YOUTH LEADERSHIP RUTHERFORD
Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce
501 Memorial Boulevard
Murfreesboro, TN 37133-0864

**DEADLINE: Completed application must be RECEIVED by
February 6, 2009. No exceptions!!**

II. SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

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

B. Main area of interest in 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 (Pres., 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? _____

C. What jobs/activities are you currently participating in? Could they potentially prevent you from participating in YLR program days and fulfilling your other YLR responsibilities? _____

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. font) response to the following question:

**“If you could change one thing about your community and not fail,
what would it be?”**

This essay is a major factor in the selection process for an interview. *Sentence structure, spelling, grammar and logical thought processes* are evaluated. Be sure to put your name on the first page and include the essay with your application form.

VII. REFERENCES

You must include two (2) letters of reference with your application. 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.

Please attach a written statement from each reference describing why they think you would be a good applicant for this program.

FIRST REFERENCE

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Position/Title _____

School _____

Mailing Address _____ Zip _____

SECOND REFERENCE

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Position/Title _____

Company/Organization _____

Mailing Address _____ Zip _____

VIII. ATTENDANCE

The time commitment to Youth Leadership Rutherford is taken very seriously. 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. 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? _____

***NOTE: Absenteeism over the permitted one day 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.**

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. Finalists will be scheduled for a personal interview in March 2009.

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