Cleveland/Bradley Chamber Youth Leadership

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Please read before completing application.
Please keep this sheet for reference.

Cleveland/Bradley Chamber Youth Leadership is a program of the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce, with Bradley County and Cleveland City Schools and Tennessee Christian Preparatory School, that seeks to develop leaders who will have a positive impact on the growth and development of Cleveland/Bradley County.

Selection Criteria

Participation in Chamber Youth Leadership is open to students attending Bradley Central High School, Cleveland High School, Tennessee Christian Preparatory School and Walker Valley High School. A Selection Committee comprised of current and past Leadership Cleveland participants and based upon the information contained in this application will choose participants. The committee will seek representation from a cross-section of the student body. These leaders and potential leaders will be active in student clubs and organizations and will reflect the diversity of the student body.

Information

A group of 26 **rising** juniors and seniors will be selected to join the Youth Leadership class, which will participate in a number of activities designed to help the students learn more about their city and county while practicing a variety of leadership skills. Students will attend a mandatory one-day retreat and six daylong sessions that will involve travel to a variety of sites in the county and a trip to Nashville to learn about state government.

Please consider your decision to apply seriously. Students will be expected to attend all activities and to involve themselves totally. Some outside work may be requested. The program requires a commitment from you and a corresponding commitment from your parent(s)/guardian(s)**. Selection is an honor.** The Youth Leadership Committee will do everything possible to ensure this is a valuable and enjoyable experience for those involved.

Instructions

Consider the commitment. Then if you decide you would like to apply, you should do the following:

1. Have your parent/legal guardian read this information and sign the application.
2. **Complete application on computer (no handwritten applications will be accepted).**
3. Remember when answering questions, originality counts.
4. Obtain two references from adults (other than family): one person from school and one person outside of school.
5. Submit all these materials no later than **3 p.m., Friday, March 3, 2017,** to your guidance counselor, and he/she will submit your current school transcript with your application.
6. **The mandatory retreat will be Tuesday, August 1, 2017.**

Personal Information

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____

Name You Go By _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone_____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex (Circle) F M

Current Class Level 10th _____ 11th _____

Polo Shirt Size _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Work Phone _____

Emergency Contact & Phone Number _____

Permission of Parent/Guardian

(See Cover Page; Must Accompany Application)

Chamber Youth Leadership is coordinated by the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce with Bradley County and Cleveland City Schools and Tennessee Christian Preparatory School. We are an all-volunteer organization. The cost of the program is underwritten by business and industry.

If at any time you have any suggestions or questions, please feel free to contact Sherry Crye at 472-6587.

Health insurance is a requirement to participate in Chamber Youth Leadership. Please provide the information below.

Health Insurance Company _____

Policy Number _____

I _____ have read the information about the Chamber Youth
(Print parent/guardian name)

Leadership program and understand the commitment involved on the part of my student. With

that understanding, I give _____ my permission to participate in the
(Print child's name)

Youth Leadership program.

_____ _____
(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)

Student Commitment

Managing time, planning ahead and keeping commitments are three important aspects of leadership. **Attendance at all Chamber Youth Leadership sessions, including the retreat, is mandatory**. You will be excused at school for each session that takes place while school is in session, but you are still responsible for the work missed. If enrolled in dual enrollment classes, there is a possibility you will miss one or more of these classes. All sessions will take place during the school year except for the leadership retreat, which will take place **August 1, 2017. Please review your schedule to make certain that you do not have a conflict with this day.**

If selected, are you willing to make a commitment to attend **all** sessions as scheduled?

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

List any activities you have been involved in during the past **two years** (academic, school or community), noting any special awards or honors.

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List activities you have volunteered for within the **last year** and number of hours for each: _____

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Leadership positions held: _____

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What would you do if you witnessed someone being made fun of or bullied?

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Why should we select you to participate in the Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership program?

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Briefly respond in **no more** than 100 words to the following questions:

1. Describe a life experience you have had where you had to lead:

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2. What is the BEST thing about living in Cleveland and Bradley County? _____

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3. What is the WORST thing about living in Cleveland and Bradley County? _____

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4. What would you change about Cleveland and Bradley County? _____

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Candidate's Name _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Please evaluate the student in the areas below comparing him/her with similar students/young people with whom you have interacted in the past (we only need this form completed—no letters):

Attitude Toward Work

- ☐ Outstanding (5)
- ☐ Above Average (4)
- ☐ Average (3)
- ☐ Can be indifferent (2)
- ☐ Lacks commitment (1)

Dependability/Consistency

- ☐ Always dependable (5)
- ☐ Above average (4)
- ☐ Average (3)
- ☐ Occasionally unreliable (2)
- ☐ Usually unreliable (1)

Initiative

- ☐ Self-directed/motivated (5)
- ☐ Usually independent (4)
- ☐ Complete work assigned (3)
- ☐ Needs some prodding (2)
- ☐ Very hesitant (1)

Relations With Others

- ☐ Exceptionally good (5)
- ☐ Generally very good (4)
- ☐ Average (3)
- ☐ Occasional conflicts (2)
- ☐ Many conflicts (1)

Maturity

- ☐ Extremely mature (5)
- ☐ Above average (4)
- ☐ Average teenager (3)
- ☐ Somewhat mature (2)
- ☐ Very immature (1)

Judgment

- ☐ Exceptionally good (5)
- ☐ Above average (4)
- ☐ Average (3)
- ☐ Occasional poor judgment (2)
- ☐ Frequent poor judgment (1)

Overall Rating

- ☐ Highly recommend
- ☐ Recommend
- ☐ Not ready for this program

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