



Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CLEVELAND



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Participation in Youth Leadership Cleveland is open to rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors who live in Bradley County or attend a Bradley County or Cleveland City school. Admittance is free, but limited. A selection committee chooses participants based upon the information provided with this application and a current transcript provided by the school. The selection committee seeks representation from a variety of clubs and extra-curriculars to reflect the diversity of the student body.

SCHEDULE

Opening Retreat

Youth Leadership begins with an opening retreat held in July/August. Designed to create a team atmosphere amongst the participants, this retreat will provide the foundation for the Youth Leadership program. The opening retreat is mandatory to participate in the program. The orientation day will end with the opportunity for parents to meet the Chamber staff and volunteer leaders.

Day Sessions

These monthly sessions introduce students to a variety of community assets. Each session will include interacting with community leaders pertaining to the day session topic allowing students to gain a deeper understanding and engage in meaningful discussions.

September - Local Economy
October - Heritage & Tourism
November - City Government & Services

January - Health & Social Services
February - County Government & Services
March - State Government (Nashville)

December - TBD

Graduation

Missing more than one scheduled outing will result in incomplete participation and an inability to graduate.



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YOUTH LEADERSHIP Application



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To apply for membership, please complete all parts of the application and return to Mrs. McNeal in the WVHS Guidance Office.

Full Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Preferred Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

School: _____ Current Class Level: 9 10 11

Managing time, planning ahead, and keeping commitments are three important aspects of leadership. Attendance at all Youth Leadership Cleveland sessions, including the retreat, is mandatory. You will be excused at school for each session, but are responsible for the work missed. Absences for dual enrollment are also typically excused during sessions. With the exception of the State Government session (Nashville), day sessions typically take place during an 8:00am - 3:00pm time block one day a month throughout the school year. The opening retreat will take place in July/August, and a volunteer day for a local nonprofit will be scheduled for a Saturday during the program.

If selected, I am willing to make a commitment to attend all sessions as scheduled.

Signature of Student Applicant _____ Date _____

Parent Contact Information

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Place of Employment: _____ Work Phone: _____

Parental Consent

- I have read the information about Youth Leadership Cleveland's program and understand the commitment involved on the part of my student. Yes No
- Understanding the level of commitment, I give my student permission to participate in the Youth Leadership Cleveland program. Yes No
- I give permission for my student to be videotaped and/or photographed for the purposes of documenting and promoting this program. Yes No

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

In order of importance to you, please list school related activities, organizations, or athletics in which you have participated in the last 2 years.

Activity/Organization	Your Role	Grade in School
1.		
2.		
3.		

In order of importance to you, please list non-school related activities or organizations in which you have participated in the last 2 years. (Volunteer, religious, social, community, non-school related athletics)

Activity/Organization	Your Role	Grade in School
1.		
2.		
3.		

Leadership positions you have held:

Organization/Club	Your Role	Grade in School
1.		
2.		
3.		

Work Experience - List any part-time or full-time job experience, paid or volunteer.

Business/Organization	Your Position (Full-time, part-time, paid, volunteer)
1.	
2.	
3.	

Please answer all questions fully and thoroughly using complete sentences.

What, in your opinion, is the most significant issue that high school students have to deal with and what is a solution?

Where did you hear about the Youth Leadership Program?

If selected, what do you hope to gain from the Youth Leadership program?

List one trait that a leader should have and describe a life experience when you have had to use this trait to lead.

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

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

If you held a leadership position, what would you change about Cleveland and Bradley County?

What are your long-range goals? What do you plan to be doing in 10 years?

Using a few phrases or adjectives, describe yourself. What makes you unique?



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Applicant Reference



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(Preferably, one reference from school, one from outside school)

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Applicant's Name: _____

Your Name: _____

Title/Position: _____ Business/Organization: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ How long have you known the applicant? _____

Contact Information (phone or email): _____

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