

Douglas County Chamber Youth Leadership Douglas Program

Youth Leadership Douglas is a leadership training program grounded in community awareness, community service and in developing your personal potential to lead.

About the Youth Leadership Douglas Program

Leadership is more than just raw talent and determination. While a portion of great leadership is aptitude, a great deal of what it takes to be a leader is skill-based and can be learned. Participants will acquire and broaden their knowledge of local government, business and civic activities through this leadership program.

The Youth Leadership Douglas program is highly interactive which permits participants to review the impact each topic has on them as well as on the larger community. The Youth Leadership Douglas goals are:

- To provide opportunities for participants to develop an understanding of the meaning and responsibilities of personal, organizational and community leadership.
- To produce ethical leaders committed to active community involvement.

Program Description

Current sophomores from any Douglas County high school (both public and private) are eligible to apply. The Youth Leadership Douglas Program will take place during junior year. These students will then be interviewed by the YLD Co-Chairs. The application and interview process is coordinated at the school level in cooperation with the Chamber.

Youth Leadership Douglas Program Format:

A five-month program running in either the Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 with monthly meetings. A mandatory all-day retreat will take place prior to the first session.

Expectations

- **100 % attendance is mandatory.**
If a student cannot commit to attending ALL the meetings, application is not encouraged.
- **A portion of YLD classes will be held during school hours and the DCSS principals have allowed this to be an excused absence. YLD students must coordinate transportation to and from YLD classes.**
- **All program communication is done electronically. Each student is required to set up an email account and join the Remind text messaging program in order to maintain correspondence with the group.**
- **Communication regarding the program must be done through the student, not the parent/guardian of the student.**

Program Fee

The fee to participate in the program is \$100.00, which includes the full-day retreat and all class expenses. Partial scholarships are available with a written request for funding detailing the reason for financial need.

Class Structure

YLD classes will be structured using a point system. A total of 50 points is required to graduate from YLD. 30 of the 50 points are mandatory and predetermined below. The remaining 20 points are accumulated based on each student's individual interests. These points are compiled outside of mandatory class time and must be completed before the end of their session. If a student has a suggestion for an additional activity, it can be submitted in writing to the YLD admin team for approval.

Mandatory Points

Extracurricular Points Examples

Parent/student orientation – 2 points	Attend additional government meeting
YLD retreat – 6 points	Attend additional Chamber networking event
YLD classes – 2 points per class (5 classes total)	Community service at approved organization/event (up to 10 hours)
YLD surveys – 1 point per class + retreat	Participate in a college or university tour (up to 2 schools)
Attend a local government meeting – 3 points	Gym health screening/group fitness class
Attend Chamber networking event – 3 points	View art exhibit at an art gallery
	Visit the State Capitol

Fall 2021 Youth Leadership Douglas Calendar

Program Date	Time	Location
May 13, 2021	4 – 5:30 p.m.	Douglas County Chamber
August 3, 2021	9 – 4 p.m.	Ike Owings Community Center
August 10, 2021	1 – 5 p.m.	Douglas County Chamber
September 14, 2021	1 – 5 p.m.	Douglas County Chamber
October 5, 2021	1 – 5 p.m.	Douglas County Chamber
November 9, 2021	1 – 5 p.m.	Douglas County Chamber
December 7, 2021	1 – 5 p.m.	Douglas County Chamber
December 14, 2021	3 – 5 p.m.	Douglas County Chamber

Spring 2022 Youth Leadership Douglas Calendar

Program Date	Time	Location
May 13, 2021	4 – 5:30 p.m.	Douglas County Chamber
January 4, 2022	9 – 4 p.m.	Ike Owings Community Center
January 11, 2022	1 – 5 p.m.	Douglas County Chamber
February 8, 2022	1 – 5 p.m.	Douglas County Chamber
March 8, 2022	1 – 5 p.m.	Douglas County Chamber
April 12, 2022	1 – 5 p.m.	Douglas County Chamber
May 3, 2022	1 – 5 p.m.	Douglas County Chamber
May 10, 2022	3 – 5 p.m.	Douglas County Chamber

**All communication is by email and text with the student.
Please regularly check your email/phone to learn of any changes in time or location.**



Youth Leadership Douglas

Application 2021-2022



DEADLINE: Applications must be **RECEIVED by Friday, March 12, 2021.**

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE. Please deliver to the Work Based Learning Coordinator at your school. Private/home school students, deliver to the Chamber office by 3:00 p.m.

I. BASIC INFORMATION

Name: _____
LAST FIRST M.I. (NAME CALLED)

Which high school will you attend in 2020-21? _____

Current Grade Level: _____ G.P.A _____ AP/Honors Classes: Yes _____ No _____ IB Program: Yes _____ No _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Zip: _____

Student Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

(Student must have a personal email address; if you do not, please create one. All YLD correspondence is through email.)

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: ___ Male ___ Female

Do you currently have a part-time job? Yes _____ No _____ Where? _____

Do you have a preference on participating in the Fall or Spring Class? If so, which one and explain why.

II. SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT (Attach additional pages as needed.)

Include school organizations, clubs, sports and activities you are involved in:

1. Organization: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Officer Title/Position: _____

Describe Personal Responsibilities: _____

2. Organization: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Officer Title/Position: _____

Describe Personal Responsibilities: _____

3. Organization: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Officer Title/Position: _____

Describe Personal Responsibilities: _____

Are there any honors, important contributions, achievements or recognitions in any of the above organizations that you consider significant, and what was your role in the accomplishment?

III. PRESENT CAREER INTEREST

Which of the following categories best describes your future career interest (choose ONLY one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Sales/Retail | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneur |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> STEM | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Why are you interested in this career? What do you hope to do?

IV. COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT (Attach additional pages as needed.)

Include community/religious organizations, clubs, sports and activities you are involved in:

1. Organization: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Officer Title/Position: _____

Describe Personal Responsibilities:

2. Organization: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Officer Title/Position: _____

Describe Personal Responsibilities:

IV. ESSAY QUESTIONS – Please answer the mandatory question and select an additional essay question to complete.

MANDATORY ESSAY: (maximum one page) on a separate document.

Why would you make a good member of Youth Leadership Douglas?

Please select one of the following essays to complete (maximum one page) on a separate document.

1. Whom in your community or school do you most admire? Why?
2. Please list two personal accomplishments of which you are most proud and tell why.
3. What are your expectations for Youth Leadership Douglas? What do you expect to gain from this program?

V. TUITION FEE

A \$100 tuition fee is required to cover materials, monthly program expenses and retreat and is **due at Orientation in May**. Applicants who would like to be considered for financial assistance should contact the coordinator of the program at the Douglas County Chamber to request an application. Your request for consideration will be held in utmost confidence and will in no way affect the selection process.

III. TIME COMMITMENT

1. Attendance at all programs is mandatory. Participants not complying with the attendance requirements will be dropped from the program and no refund will be given. If selected, my school and I are willing to make a commitment of my time.
2. Applicants for the Youth Leadership Douglas Program must have the support and commitment of their high school. The signature of the principal or designee is necessary as an indication of support of the applicant's participation.
3. Applicants must have the support of their parent or guardian. The signature of parent or legal guardian is necessary as an indication of support of the applicant's participation in Youth Leadership Douglas.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent

Date

Signature of High School Principal

Date

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Youth Leadership Douglas**

**ADULT REFERENCE FORM 1
Return to Applicant by March 8, 2021**

Applicant Name _____

To the Applicant: Give this form to the adult (not related to you) providing a reference. This person must have known you more than ONE year. No family members or close relatives may be used as references. ***Have the individual return the reference form to you in a sealed envelope.*** Submit the envelope with your completed application packet.

To the Reference: The person named above has applied for Youth Leadership Douglas with the Douglas County Chamber. It is an interactive, hands-on experience with the Chamber and community aimed at youth beginning to show leadership potential and community interest. The applicant will be interviewed and considerable weight will be given to your statements. The Chamber greatly appreciates your help and is aware of the time necessary to prepare such an assessment. The information you provide below will be reviewed in confidence. ***Please return the reference form to the applicant in a sealed envelope.***

Name of Reference _____

Position/Title _____

School/Business/Religious Group/Organization _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Complete answers to the following questions and submit to the above student:

How long and in what capacity have you known this applicant?

What do you consider to be the applicant's primary talents and strengths?

Comment on the applicant's relationship with his/her peers. What role does the student assume in a group setting?

Why do you feel the applicant would be a good candidate for Youth Leadership Douglas?

Please comment on anything you feel we should know about the applicant.

Please rate your perception of the applicant's skills in the following areas:

(1 – Needs improvement; 2 – Satisfactory; 3 – Average for age; 4- Above average for age)

__ Responsibility

__ Initiative

__ Leadership

__ Curiosity

__ Maturity

__ Character

__ Persistence

__ Oral communication skills

__ Participation in a group

__ Concern for others

__ Ability to work with others

__ Ability to take directions

__ Creativity

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**ADULT REFERENCE FORM 2
Return to Applicant by March 8, 2020**

Applicant Name _____

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