



2020-2021 Youth Leadership Hall Application

Mission Statement

Youth Leadership Hall is a leadership development program that informs, motivates, and increases the awareness of selected high school juniors and seniors through interaction with community leaders. The program is an investment in the community's future leadership.

Application Process

- ❖ Please complete each section in full.
- ❖ Applications **must be typed** and complete to be considered.
 - Short Answer Essays: Answer all 3; limit responses **to 200 words or less**,
- ❖ **Please attach one (1) reference letter**; This letter should be from an adult who knows you well, **other than** a parent or relative,. For example: scout leader, employer, community leader, clergy, or someone within the school system, etc.
- ❖ Application must be signed by both candidate and guardians.
- ❖ Letters notifying the applicants of the selection committee's results will be delivered to the school liaisons the last week in March. Homeschoolers letters will be mailed.
- ❖ Questions: If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Andi Harmon, VP Education & Leadership; Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce at 770-532-6206 Ext. 113, or email at: aharmon@ghcc.com.

Youth Leadership Hall County Selection Criteria

- ❖ Nominees must have the full support of the schools, principals and their guardians.
- ❖ Attendance at the monthly session is **mandatory** unless an emergency arises.
- ❖ Class members are chosen on their own merits based upon the information completed in the application.
- ❖ **Do not over commit yourself**. If you have extra-curricular sports or events, IB, AP, MOWR, Dual Enrollment, etc, this may not be the program for you as participation in the FULL day is mandatory.
- ❖ Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Confidential Application

Incomplete Applications will NOT be considered.

Youth Leadership Hall is designed for youth that are beginning to show leadership potential. The day-long programs are intended to develop leadership skills and community awareness.

Full Name _____ I prefer being called _____

Name to appear on YLH Graduation plaque: _____

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Cell Phone _____ Birth Date ____ / ____ / ____ Gender _____

Name of Parent/Caregiver (1) _____
(Note address, if different)

Name of Parent/Caregiver (2) _____
(Note address, if different)

School you will attend Fall 2020 _____ Rising: Junior Senior

Have you applied for Youth Leadership Hall before? Yes No GPA: _____

Email address: _____ T-shirt size: _____
(adult sizes only)

On a scale of 1 (the lowest) to 10 (the highest) where would you rate your leadership skills? _____

Areas of Interest in Studies:

Extra Curricular School Activities (clubs, sports, etc - include years involved):

Community/Volunteer activities outside of high school (church, nonprofit work - include years involved):

Hobbies or things you enjoy doing in your spare time at home:

Awards/Honors (Include dates received):

Work Experience/Internships (Include dates):

What do you hope to gain from this program?

Are you an introvert or an extrovert? _____

To answer this question, think about at the end of the day, when you are low on energy, what type of environment would you need to be in to best recharge. Ambivert is not an option. There is no right or wrong answer.

***Introverts** need time alone in order to recharge their inner strength. They are not necessarily shy or quiet. **Extroverts** recharge their energy from being around people. They don't mind being alone, but sometimes prefer the company of others.*

What else would you like to share with the selection team at this time?

Short Answer Essays

Please answer **ALL** of the following questions – each have a **200 word limit**.

- 1. Give an example of a time when you played a leadership role in an event, an activity, or a project. Describe how you led the efforts. How did people respond to your leadership?**

2. What is the most important issue/problem that you face as a teenager today alongside your peers? How do you work to reach resolution? How could adult leaders help facilitate this?

3. In your opinion, what is the most challenging issue facing the Hall County area today? Please describe in detail. Describe how you would correct the problem if resources were unlimited.

Tuition Commitment

- ❖ After acceptance, participants will be required to pay a \$75 one-time fee to help offset some of the expenses.

Public/Private High Schoolers: This fee is submitted to the high school where the student is enrolled. The high school then sends one all-inclusive payment to GHCC.

Homeschoolers: Those selected participants will need to have a parent become a member of the Chamber. This is to offset the cost of transportation, logistics, chaperones, and support that the school systems all offer as members. The \$75 fee will be invoiced directly to your parent as well membership.

- ❖ **Will you be able to fulfill this commitment?** _____ (Student Signature)
- ❖ _____ (Parent Signature)

Attendance and Behavior Agreement

- ❖ If chosen as a member of Youth Leadership Hall I understand I must agree to attend the entire day of all program sessions (including the Kick-Off and Grand Finale) in order to graduate from the Youth Leadership Hall program. There are a total of 7 programs; 6 of which are school days.
- ❖ Monthly sessions generally run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Schedules need to be planned accordingly.** Once teams are assigned, there are no swapping days for make-ups.
- ❖ Students are responsible for transportation to and from the program day site. Transportation will be provided by school bus during the day.
- ❖ Students are not allowed to follow the bus in their personal cars.
- ❖ Sessions are generally held on the first or second Tuesday of each month.
- ❖ I understand the dress code for each program will be YLH T-shirts and khaki pants. No open toe shoes. The one exception is on Government Day when we visit the Capitol. Required dress code is business.
- ❖ I agree to uphold a moral obligation to Youth Leadership Hall to behave in a manner that is professional and appropriate.
- ❖ I understand that I will be removed from the program if I participate in anything that is illegal and/or morally questionable, including embarrassing myself, my family, my school, Youth Leadership Hall or the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce.
- ❖ Please understand you may be removed from the YLH program for defiance, disrespect, poor attitude or refusing to participate in scheduled activities.

Signature of Applicant

Date

School Administrator

Date

Application Checklist

- Please submit **five (5) copies** of your application (**plus** the original) to your school contact (listed below) by the deadline in the box below. (Pages 2-4)
- Please submit **five (5) copies** of your reference letter (**plus** the original)
- Tuition Commitment (Page 5)
- Attendance and Behavior Agreement Form (Page 5)
- Medical Release Form (Page 7)
- Parent/Guardian Permission Form (Page 8)

YOUR SCHOOL'S DEADLINE:

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL'S LIAISON:

HIGH SCHOOL:

Cherokee Bluff High School
 Chestatee High School
 East Hall High School
 Flowery Branch High School
 Gainesville High School
 Homeschool Students
 Johnson High School
 Lakeview Academy
 Lanier Christian Academy
 Lanier College and Career Academy
 North Hall High School
 Riverside Military Academy
 West Hall High School

LIAISON:

Karen Filchak
 Holli Howard
 Heidi Rider
 Christy Carter
 Helen Perry
 Andi Harmon
 Rachel Jarvis
 Steve Lewallen
 April Kennedy
 Laren Chandler
 Deana Harper
 Col. Bob Cagle
 Suzanne Haynes

INTERVIEW DATES:

February 18
 February 13
 February 27
 March 3
 March 19
 February 4
 March 11
 February 3
 February 12 PM
 February 12 AM
 February 25
 February 17
 February 19

Make-up Date for All:

March 24

Program Dates:

August 2020- Kick-Off - Gainesville Civic Center; 5:30 - 7:00 (all students + 1 caregiver must attend)
 September 2020 (Teams A&B): Leadership Assessment & Development Program
 October 2020 (Team A): Etiquette & Quality of Life Program
 November 2020 (Teams B): Etiquette & Quality of Life Program
 December 2020 (Team B): Judicial Program
 January 2021 (Teams A&B): State Government Program
 February 2021 (Team B): Industry Program
 March 2021 (Team A): Industry Program
 April 2021 (Teams A&B): Team Building & Graduation

Teams will be assigned after selection process has been completed.

Medical Release Form

Youth Leadership Hall involves some outdoor activities and a lot of walking. Full participation is required to graduate. The YLH advisors need to be aware of any medical conditions or health issues for your safety and well-being. Caretakers are required to fill out and sign this form.

Student's Full Name: _____ School: _____

Home Address: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian work phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Student's Physician: _____ Physician's #: _____

Physician's address: _____

Date of last tetanus shot: _____ Students date of birth: _____

Medical condition and/or allergies: _____

Medications currently taking: _____

Please list any special needs you have: _____

Please list any special dietary needs you have: _____

Treatment Consent: I hereby authorize the Youth Leadership Hall Program Committee to secure emergency medical treatment for the student. I will assume financial responsibility.

Insurance: The student ___ is or ___ is not covered by medical insurance. (If not, parent/guardian signature indicates that accident insurance will be purchased through the school insurance program.)

List insurance company: _____

Father/Legal Guardian Printed Name

Father/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Mother/Legal Guardian Printed Name

Mother/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Permission Form

Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce - Youth Leadership Hall County

Permission form for _____
(Student's Printed Name)

I am the parent/guardian of _____. I have read the information on the Youth Leadership Hall program and am willing to have my child participate. Youth Leadership Hall, Greater Hall Chamber volunteers and school contacts, have my permission and consent to transport and provide transportation for my child by school bus, van or private automobile in connection with all sessions of Youth Leadership Hall during the school year in which he/she is participating. I hereby release and hold harmless all schools, all school systems, the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce and its volunteers for any accident, injury, illness or any damage whatsoever related to the above-mentioned student's attendance at or participation in any activity or session of Youth Leadership Hall.

I am aware of the time commitment involved and of the financial obligation. I permit my child and his/her image to be used in any literature or media that are designed to promote Youth Leadership Hall, including but not limited to photographs, videographs, videotapes, posting images on the Greater Hall Chamber's website, social media outlets, newsletters and press releases.

Father/Legal Guardian Printed Name Father/Legal Guardian Signature Date

Mother/Legal Guardian Printed Name Mother/Legal Guardian Signature Date

Student's School - Fall of 2020: _____

Class Level: ___ Rising Junior OR ___ Rising Senior **Student's t-shirt size:** _____

Student's email address: _____