



## 2021-2022 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 Tippens, VP Education & Leadership; Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce at 770-532-6206 Ext. 113, or email at: [andi@ghcc.com](mailto:andi@ghcc.com).

**FOR BEST RESULTS, COMPLETE APPLICATION USING A PC AND NOT A MAC.**

## 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 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ Rising:  Junior  Senior

Have you applied for Youth Leadership Hall before?  Yes  No T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
(adult sizes only)

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Un-weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 2-5**)
- Please submit **five (5) copies** of your reference letter (**plus** the original)

**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  
McKenzie Jackson  
Christy Carter  
Helen Perry  
Andi Tippens  
Heather Roth  
Mike Lawley  
April Kennedy  
Laren Chandler  
Deana Harper  
Col. Bob Cagle  
Suzanne Haynes

#### **Program Dates: TO BE UPDATED LATER**

August 2021- Kick-Off - 5:30 - 7:00 (all students + 1 caregiver must attend)  
September 2021 (Teams A&B): Leadership Assessment & Development Program  
October 2021 (Team A): Etiquette & Quality of Life Program  
November 2021 (Team B): Etiquette & Quality of Life Program  
December 2021 (Teams A & B): Judicial Program  
January 2022 (Teams A & B): State Government Program  
February 2022 (Team B): Industry Program  
March 2022 (Team A): Industry Program  
April 2022 (Teams A & B): Team Building & Graduation

***Teams will be assigned after selection process has been completed.***