



## 2024-2025 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 first week of April. Homeschoolers letters will be mailed.
- ❖ Questions: If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Lisa McCormack, VP Education & Leadership; Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce at (678) 971-6331, or email at: [lmccormack@ghcc.com](mailto:lmccormack@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. **All work needs to be the original work of the applicant.** For best results, you are encouraged to have someone proofread your work prior to submission.
- ❖ **Do not over commit yourself.** If you have extra-curricular sports or events, IB, AP, Dual Enrollment, etc., you will still need to be able to participate in the FULL class day each month.
- ❖ Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- ❖ There will be NO in-person interviews. Because of this, careful attention will be paid to each application. **Make sure that your application is reflective of who you are and the image you want portrayed. Excellent applications will be detailed, thoughtful, and formatted properly on each page with correct grammar and punctuation.**

# 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 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ Rising: ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

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

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

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

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On a scale of 1 (the lowest) to 10 (the highest) where would you rate your leadership skills? \_\_\_\_\_ How did you come to this rating?

**Areas of Interest in Studies:**

**What are your plans after high school:**

**High School Extra-Curricular Activities** (clubs, sports, etc. - include dates involved):

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

**Hobbies or things you enjoy doing in your spare time:**

**High School Awards/Honors** (Include dates received):

**Work Experience/Internships** (Include dates):

**If you do not work or participate in extra-curricular activities, how do you spend your time?**

**Describe a personal experience that had a substantial impact in shaping who you are as a person.**

**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 is the most important thing/person in your life and why?**

**What can you bring to the program to enrich it and benefit the legacy of YLH?**

**Tell us about yourself. Why should we choose you over someone else?**

## Short Answer Essays

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

1. Who do you feel is a leader? Name them and define what a leader is in your own words.
2. What is the most important issue/problem that you face as a teenager today alongside your peers? Why do you think it is a problem and how do you work to reach a resolution?
3. In your opinion, what is the most challenging issue facing the Hall County area today? 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 mandatory program sessions (including the Kick-Off and Graduation) in order to graduate from the YLH program. There are a total of 8 programs and 7 are school days. The Kick-off is in the evening.
- ❖ Monthly sessions are generally held on the first or second Tuesday of each month. 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.
- ❖ If you have a test on a YLH scheduled day, please make arrangements well in advance to take your test on an alternate day so that you can attend all mandatory YLH events.
- ❖ I understand that there will be a mandatory survey to complete after each program date. I must complete this survey in a timely manner.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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. I also understand that I 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:**

Carin Booth  
 Holli Howard  
 Kami Kovach  
 Christy Carter  
 Brett Dillin  
 Lisa McCormack  
 Cree Aiken  
 Mike Lawley  
 Renee Cook  
 Kim Guy  
 KayLynn Samples  
 Col. Bob Cagle  
 Cammie Carter

### **Program Info: (Dates are subject to change)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>
August 27	Kick Off	5:00pm-6:30pm	Both Teams with parents
September 10	Intro/Quality of Life	8:30am-3:30pm	Both Teams
October 8	Agriculture	8:30am-3:30pm	Team A
October 22	Agriculture	8:30am-3:30pm	Team B
November 12	Police & Fire	8:30am-3:30pm	Both Teams
December 3	Industry	8:30am-3:30pm	Team A
January 21	Industry	8:30am-3:30pm	Team B
February 11	State Capitol	8:30am-3:30pm	Both Teams
March 4	Healthcare	8:30am-3:30pm	Team B
March 25	Healthcare	8:30am-3:30pm	Team A
April 15	Graduation	9:00am-3:30pm	Both Teams

Teams will be assigned after the selection process has been complete and before Kick Off.