

GREATER MUSKOGEE AREA
CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE



YOUTH LEADERSHIP APPLICATION

Presented By:



The mission of Youth Leadership Muskogee is to prepare area high school youth to make a positive difference through community leadership.

Goals

Develop leadership skills in youth

Gain an awareness of community resources and volunteer opportunities

Build a life-long commitment to the role and responsibility of community citizenship

Gain a greater understanding of current issues through interaction and problem solving with peers and community leaders

Foster an understanding and appreciation for the Chamber of Commerce and the business community

Develop pride in the community

Sessions

CommUNITY: Team Building - January 18, 2023

How Do I Fit In: Community Development - February 15, 2023

It's My World: Government - March 15, 2023

Growing Strong: Health and Wellness - April 19, 2023

Graduation - May 4, 2023

All Sessions will be Interactive and Activity Based

Personal Information

Name (first, middle, last): _____

Name you go by: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City and Zip Code: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Preferred Method of Contact: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian you reside with: _____

Relationship: _____

School Information & Permission

School Attending: _____ School Counselor: _____

Current Grade Level: _____ School Phone: _____

All applicants MUST have the approval of their school principal to attend Youth Leadership Muskogee.
Please have your principal sign below.

I approve of the participation of _____ in the Youth Leadership program.
I understand that attendance is mandatory for Youth Leadership. I will serve as an advocate to our faculty to ensure the student is not penalized for missing school classes or activities.

Principal Name: _____

Principal Signature: _____

Parental Permission

1. I am the parent/legal guardian of _____ . I have read the information on the Youth Leadership program and am willing to have my child participate. I understand the selection process and I agree to be responsible for providing transportation for my child in connection with all sessions of Youth Leadership during the school year in which he/she is a participant.

2. I hereby release and hold harmless the Greater Muskogee Area Chamber of Commerce, its members, agents, employees or any individuals involved in the planning, organization or presentation of Youth Leadership programming for any accident, injury, illness, or any damages whatsoever related to the above-mentioned student's attendance at/or participation in, any activity or session of Youth Leadership.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Email: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Photo/Video Release

I (we) give permission to the Greater Muskogee Area Chamber of Commerce to use photographs, and/or video, and/or audio of my (our) child obtained while participating in Youth Leadership. I (we) release the Greater Muskogee Area Chamber of Commerce, its members, agents, employees or any individuals involved in the planning, organization or presentation of Youth Leadership programming from any and all liabilities arising from the use of these items for publicity purposes and waive the right to all negatives, photos, tapes and reproductions, as well as waive my (our) right to inspect or approve the finished photographs and/or tapes.

Student's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Selection Process

1. **DEADLINE:** All applications, signatures by principal, parent/guardian, and reference letters must be complete and received at the Greater Muskogee Area Chamber of Commerce no later than 10:00am on **January 4, 2023**. Applications can be mailed to:
310 W Broadway, Muskogee, OK 74401 or emailed to corynne@muskogeechamber.org.
Late applications will not be accepted.
2. The completeness and quality of your application is the major criteria for selections. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
3. This is a blind selection process. The judges have no record of name or school of applicants. The personal information page is not used in the selection process, nor any information relating to the identity of the student.
4. Each application is scored by judges that are not employees of the Greater Muskogee Area Chamber of Commerce.
5. Selection notification will be delivered no later than January 6, 2023.

Attendance Policy

Full attendance by each participant is essential in the Youth Leadership program to meet its objectives. Youth Leadership will work with schools to encourage school attendance credit. Please check the program calendar on the enclosed information sheet. If selected, you must be able to attend **all** program sessions. If absence is necessary because of a school related function, illness, etc. then the absence must be made up by volunteering at the Chamber of Commerce office, or another local organization, or by writing a 5 paragraph essay about the importance of leadership. A make-up sheet is provided in the information packet.

I understand and accept the attendance requirements for Youth Leadership.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Organizations & Activities

Please list in order of importance to you, up to five school, volunteer, religious, social, athletic, community or other activities or organizations in which you have participated during the last four years.

Name of activity/organization and when involved:

What additional activities would you like to be involved in:

If you haven't had the opportunity to participate in activities/organizations, why not:

School & Community Experience

Why do you think you should be chosen for Youth Leadership?

Work/Home/School Responsibility

List any part-time job experience, paid or volunteer, and briefly tell what is involved:

Do you currently have a job: _____ Hours per week: _____

Explain your family/home responsibilities:

Explain your school responsibilities (other than classwork):

About You

How would your best friend describe you?

Who is your hero (someone you admire)?

What do you do for fun?

What do you consider your most important achievement so far?

*"You see, character does count. For too long we have gotten by in a society that says the only thing right is to get by and the only thing wrong is to get caught. Character is doing what's right when nobody is looking."
- Former Representative J.C. Watts, Jr.*

Explain what this quote means to you?

Community Assessment

Explain your goals for the future and how Youth Leadership would help you obtain them:

Conclusion

What else would you like to tell us about yourself (strength/weakness)?
