

2019 Youth Leadership Burke Application

Thank you for your interest in the inaugural class of Youth Leadership Burke (YLB), a leadership development program for 10th, 11th and 12th graders in Burke County. Through the program, students will develop knowledge and abilities to become confident leaders in their community and school. YLB will help you gain a deeper understanding of your personality characteristics, as well as learn and cultivate skills that will help you become a better leader, student, and employee. This program is being sponsored by the Burke County Chamber of Commerce, Burke County Extension, and Planters EMC.

Tuition payment of \$25 must be paid in full by the first session on February 26, 2019. If payment of this fee would prevent you from participating in the Youth Leadership Burke program, financial assistance options will be discussed upon your acceptance into the program.

PLEASE CLEAR THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW:

Interviews:	January 30, 2019, Time TBD (All other students) January 31, 2019, Time TBD (Burke County High School students)
Session 1:	February 26, 2019, 9 AM-2 PM
Session 2:	March 27, 2019, 9 AM-2 PM

Youth Leadership Burke Selection Criteria

- Nominees must have the full support of their school, principal, and parents/guardians.
- Candidates should be 10th, 11th or 12th grade students in good academic and behavioral standing.
- Attendance at sessions is mandatory.
- Class members are chosen on their own merits based on the information provided in the application and during the interview process.

Application Process

- Please complete each section in full. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Please attach two letters of recommendation; one from a current teacher and one from a community member who is not a family member or teacher.
- Completed application must be signed by both applicant and parent/guardian and be received by **5:00 PM on Friday, January 18, 2019**. Late applications will not be accepted or considered.
- Applicants selected for interview will be notified via their preferred contact method on January 23, 2019.
- Applications may be submitted electronically via the "Submit" button on the form, or physically turned in to the main office of your school.
- Questions: If you have any questions regarding the application process or the Youth Leadership Burke program, please contact the Burke County Extension Office at (706) 554-2119 or Youthleadershipburke@gmail.com.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	NICKNAME (FOR NAME BADGE)
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ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	YEARS OF RESIDENCE	SCHOOL
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GRADE LEVEL	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	GENDER
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Applicant Cell Phone	Parent/Guardian Cell Phone
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Applicant Email Address	Parent/Guardian Email Address
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Which of these is your preferred method of contact? (circle one) E-mail Text Phone

Are there any medical problems, allergies, or food preferences that we should be aware of? YES NO

If yes, please explain: _____

Please list activities, organizations, or hobbies in which you have been involved (clubs, athletics, volunteer/community service, religious, scouting, after-school lessons, etc.) and the role you have played in the activities.

<u>Activity/Organization</u>	<u>Role Played/Office Held (if applicable)</u>	<u>Date of Involvement</u>
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Have you been as active in school and community activities as you would like to be?

Yes No If No, what has been the major barrier to greater participation?

SHORT ANSWER ESSAYS

Please answer these questions in the space provided below.

1. Why do you want to participate in Youth Leadership Burke?

2. How do you personally define leadership, or what characteristics or qualities do you believe positive leaders need to possess?

3. What are some of the most important issues/problems teenagers face today?

4. In your opinion, what are the three most challenging issues facing Burke County today. Please describe in detail.

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Participant/Parent Agreement

Participant

I have cleared my calendar on the appropriate dates, and if I am selected to participate, I understand that the two provided class dates are mandatory. I also understand that the dates may be subject to change, although that is unlikely.

I also understand and agree to the following expectations:

- I am expected to arrive on time for each session and participate fully for the duration of the session.
- I will dress appropriately, meaning business casual dress with no t-shirts, jeans, or flip flops permitted. All clothing items must be in accordance with your school dress code.
- I will demonstrate exemplary behavior, respecting presenters and peers, and will serve as a positive role model at school and in the community.
- Respond promptly to communication from YLB leaders.

By signing this document, I affirm and commit to the above statements.

Student Signature

Date

Parent

As a parent/guardian of the above named student, I affirm and commit to reinforce positively on a regular basis the above expectations with my child.

Parent Signature

Date