

What is Youth LEAD?

Youth LEAD is a program designed to develop and prepare students for future community support and leadership roles in Paducah/McCracken County. Youth LEAD targets high school juniors in Paducah Independent, McCracken County Public, St. Mary and Community Christian Academy. The students spend one day a month for six months learning about teamwork, human needs and service learning, communications and career development, business and economy, law and government, and health care in Paducah/McCracken County.



2019-20 Program Dates

- **Opening Retreat** - October 16, 2019
- **Human Needs/Service Learning** - November 6, 2019
- **Communications & Career Development** - December 4, 2019
- **Business & Economy** - January 8, 2020
- **Law & Government** - February 5, 2020
- **Health Care** - March 4, 2020
- **Graduation** at Paducah Chamber Breakfast - April 2, 2020

Selection Process

Each school will review their applications and submit their chosen nominees to the Chamber. The applications will then be reviewed by a selection committee made up of representatives of the Leadership Paducah Alumni Association and Paducah Chamber Boards. Participants will be selected based upon the information provided in the application, the recommendation letters and quality of the applications. Youth LEAD is a competitive opportunity and it is anticipated that not all students who apply will be selected.

Other Important Facts

Eligibility – The program is open to high school students who are enrolled as juniors in the 2019-20 school year.

Application Availability – Applications can be obtained from the high school counselors or from the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce website: paducahchamber.org, go to Programs, and then to Youth LEAD.

Application Due Date – The deadline to submit your application to your high school counselor is September 13, 2019. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. It is the student's responsibility to have the completed application and two letters of reference to the school by the deadline.

Fee – A \$50 non-refundable participation fee for students selected is due by October 11, 2019. Scholarships are available for students with demonstrated financial need.

Youth LEAD is a program administered by the Leadership Paducah Alumni Association with assistance from the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce