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**YOUTH LEAD**



## Youth LEAD Class of 2021-22 Confidential Application

### Instructions to Apply

- Please complete each section in full. Type or print in black ink. An electronic version of the application is available at [www.paducahchamber.org](http://www.paducahchamber.org), go to Programs and Youth LEAD. This form is downloadable and it is recommended to be completed typed. To complete the pdf application, use the fill and sign option, scroll to each page (located at bottom of page), save and print a copy for your submission.
- Completed application must be signed by student, principal and parent/legal guardian.
- Application must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation.
- Completed application must be received by your school guidance counselor by September 24, 2021 at these schools:
  - McCracken County High School
  - Paducah Tilghman High School
  - St. Mary High School
  - Community Christian Academy
- 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 application deadline.
- Selected participants will need to submit a \$50 nonrefundable fee by October 29, 2021. Checks should be made payable to Leadership Paducah Foundation and sent to the Chamber, 300 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, P.O. Box 810, Paducah, KY 42001.
- Call or email questions to Sandra Wilson at 270.443.1746 or [swilson@paducahchamber.org](mailto:swilson@paducahchamber.org).

### Program Selection

- Participation in Youth LEAD is open to students in Paducah/McCracken County who are juniors in the 2021/2022 school year.
- Participants must have the full support of the school they represent and their parent/legal guardian.
- **COMMITMENT:** Attendance at all of the sessions, community service and various homework assignments are required to complete the program. Those who do not meet these requirements will not be eligible to graduate from the program.
- Applicants will be notified of selection by email on October 15, 2021.
- **PLEASE REVIEW THE COMMITMENT TO THE PROGRAM BEFORE YOU APPLY.**

## Applicant Information (note: it is strongly encouraged that you type your application)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Nickname

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street  
City State Zip

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnic Background \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School Contact \_\_\_\_\_ School Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## Activities

List up to five school activities you have participated in during the last four years.

Name of Club/Organization/Sport	Years	Your Role

List up to five non-school activities you have participated in during the last four years.

Name of Club/Organization/Sport	Years	Your Role

If you have not had the opportunity to participate in activities, why not?

\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_ Not Interested \_\_\_ Work \_\_\_ Financial Resources \_\_\_ Other  
(Please Explain) \_\_\_\_\_

What is your main interest of study?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Essays (Limit each response to 300 words, attach separate sheets)

1. If you could have dinner with anyone, living or deceased, who would it be and why?
2. In your opinion, what responsibility do youth have to help solve community problems?
3. If you could change anything in Paducah/McCracken County, what would it be and why?
4. Why should you be chosen for Youth LEAD? What separates you from others?

## Class Schedule

Opening Retreat & 1st Class	November 3, 2021	8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	December 1, 2021	8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	January 12, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
4 <sup>th</sup> Class	February 9, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
5 <sup>th</sup> Class	March 9, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Graduation at Chamber Breakfast	April 14, 2022	7:30 a.m.

**COVID-19 Statement:** Every effort will be made to ensure the class is able to enjoy the full experience of Youth LEAD. Due to the unprecedented situation, some dates are tentative and subject to change. Some of the monthly tours may be impacted due to guidelines for gatherings and concerns by employers. Sessions will be adjusted accordingly. We will closely monitor the situation and follow all recommended guidelines. Please know every effort will be made to ensure the program is fulfilling and a great experience for all participants. The current plan is to meet in-person for these sessions. We will closely monitor and try to follow the same schedule as the schools.

## Recommendations

Two letters of recommendation are required to support your application. Please have these letters addressed to LEAD Selection Committee and turned into your school guidance counselor with your application by no later than September 24, 2021. List below two individuals who will be sending references (no family members and one MUST be a school administrator/or teacher).

- Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title/Business \_\_\_\_\_
- Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title/Business \_\_\_\_\_

## Selection Process

Applications will be initially reviewed at the school and the school's nominees will be forwarded to the Youth LEAD Selection Committee. The applications will then be reviewed by a committee made up of members appointed by the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Leadership Paducah Alumni Association Board of Directors. Youth LEAD is a competitive opportunity. It is anticipated that not everyone who applies will be accepted. Youth LEAD strives to maintain an ethnicity and gender balance among the participants.

## Student Commitment

If selected, I am committed to attending the program opening retreat, each of the additional four sessions and graduation. I understand the goals and commitments of Youth LEAD, and if selected will devote the required time and attention to the program. I understand that if selected, a \$50 non-refundable fee is due by October 29, 2021.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian Permission & Principal/Counselor Approval

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the information on Youth LEAD and am willing to have my child participate. I understand it is my responsibility to provide transportation for my child to and from the sessions. In the event that transportation is required during a session, Youth LEAD, its agents, and its employees and volunteers have my full permission and consent to transport my child by an appropriate means of transportation.

I hereby release and hold harmless Youth LEAD, its members, its agents, employees or any individuals involved in planning, organizing or presenting programs, for any accident, injury, illness or any damage whatsoever related to the above mentioned student's attendance at/or participation in any activity or session of Youth LEAD.

I hereby grant Youth LEAD permission to photograph my child and to publish the photos in connection with the advertisement of Youth LEAD including without limitation brochures, portfolios, flyers, catalogues and websites. I have reviewed the session schedule.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of Principal or Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: The deadline to submit your application to your high school counselor is September 24, 2021.**