

Young Leaders Institute

READ THESE IMPORTANT NOTES FIRST!

- Students must neatly hand-write their own application using black ink. **Do not use pencil!**
- Make sure all sections are complete. Incomplete applications will not be scored.
- Additional sheets may be attached, if needed.
- Both student and parent/guardian must read and sign the commitment.
- Have your principal sign the application.
- Attach a copy of your most recent report card. Progress reports are not report cards.
- Include ONLY TWO letters of recommendation with your application.
- Submit completed application with attachments by May 27 at the Chamber of Commerce office, 316 Main St. (Do not return to your school.) Late applications will not be scored.

ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY JULY 15

Name _____

Name you prefer to be called _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender: Male _____ Female _____ Grade for 2021-2022 _____

School Name _____

STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN COMMITMENT

Students are expected to attend all sessions, complete the monthly homework assignment and five hours of service. Two absences will result in dismissal from the course. By signing below, you commit to making every effort to attend the Institute, and devoting the time and resources necessary to complete the program. Your signature also indicates your understanding and agreement to pay the program fee, if selected to participate.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

This verifies the principal's understanding and approval of the attendance requirements.

Principal Signature _____ School _____ Date _____

Completed application and letters are due by May 27 to:
Shelby County Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 335, 316 Main Street, Shelbyville, KY 40066
OR EMAILED TO BETH@SHELBYCOUNTKYCHAMBER.COM

1. SCHOLASTIC EXPERIENCE and ACHIEVEMENTS (20 Possible Points)

Only school-based activities should be listed in section 1.

a. Grades and academic achievement (5 points) *Attach your most recent report card.*

b. Academic Honors and Awards (5 Points) _____

c. School Related Extra Curricular Activities and Awards – sports, clubs, etc. (5 Points)

d. Leadership Skills Demonstrated (5 Points) _____

2. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND WORK EXPERIENCE (20 Possible Points)

a. Activities and Work Experience (10 Points). Please list in order of importance to you any **community** volunteer, religious, social, athletic or other organization of which you are or have been a member. (List only work or community activities in section 2. School-related activities should be listed in section 1.)

Organization/Employer	Dates

b. How much time each month do you commit to these activities? _____

c. Community or Work-Related Honors and Awards (5 Points) _____

d. Leadership Skills Demonstrated (5 Points) _____

3. ESSAY AND GENERAL QUESTIONS (30 Possible Points)

a. Describe your most important achievement so far and explain.

b. List the characteristics of a good leader and why you think they are important.

c. What do you hope to gain from participating in the Young Leaders program?

4. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (25 Possible Points)

Two written recommendations (one school reference and one from non-family) must be included with your application. Both may be school references, if desired. Do not submit more than two letters of recommendation. (Your references can be emailed to BETH@SHELBYCOUNTKYCHAMBER.COM)

5. OVERALL APPEARANCE OF APPLICATION (5 Possible Points)

Your application will be scored on the overall appearance. Make sure you take time to proof your answers and submit a neat, clean and legible application.