

2020-2021 Application

Mission: Youth Leadership Wake Forest is a year-long program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership abilities and have interest in learning about our community. Our mission is for participants to assume leadership roles in our schools and to become more involved in our civic, cultural, economic development, and philanthropic organizations. Youth Leadership Wake Forest is a program sponsored by the Wake Forest Chamber Foundation for Common Progress. All funding for this program comes from grants, sponsorships, and individual donations. Students participate for free.

Outcomes: By the end of this program, every student will have

- Developed stronger leadership skills through a robust curriculum taught by skilled facilitators
- Gained an awareness of the need for community service, civic participation, and philanthropy
- Increased familiarity with the town of Wake Forest beyond his/her immediate neighborhood and school
- Interacted with adult leaders in businesses, non-profits, and public sectors
- Acquired a network of leaders in Wake Forest, forming a foundation for his/her success

Qualifications: All applicants must

- **Attend Wake Forest High School, Heritage High School, Wakefield High School, Rolesville High School, or Franklin Academy, or live in the 27587, 27614, or 27571 zip code and attend another school including a home school.** Students that attend other schools must get permission of that school to participate if accepted. Students will be required to miss one school day per month from September through April of the 2020-2021 school year.
- **Be a rising sophomore, junior, or senior.**
- **Have a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average.**
- **Complete a Youth Leadership Wake Forest Application** and interview with a panel.
- **Provide three references: (2) from school and (1) community member.** Two references must be from a classroom teacher, and the other reference may be from a coach, principal, pastor, work boss, community member, and/or Youth Leadership Graduate.

Application Process: Participation in Youth Leadership Wake Forest is open to all rising sophomores, rising juniors and rising seniors for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year who attend high school in the Wake Forest Area or qualify based on the above criteria. Applicants must be in good academic standing and have no attendance or disciplinary problems at their school. The Selection Committee reviews all applications and chooses a diverse class of motivated students who express interest in improving the community and the potential leadership ability to contribute to the betterment of Wake Forest. **A maximum class size of 30 students is accepted into the program.**



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Applications will begin to be accepted on February 10 and the deadline for all applications will be March 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. All Applications should be turned into the Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce (350 S. White Street Wake Forest, NC 27587). Applications can be hand delivered or mailed to the Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce. All references should be signed, sealed, and have the name of the applicant and the school they attend on it.

Interview Process: Students will be selected for an interview based on evaluation from the selection panel. The interview dates for all applicants are **Saturday April 18 or Saturday April 25** at the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce. **These are the only dates that we will interview. Interviews are scheduled in 15 minute increments. If you do not believe you can interview on those dates it is imperative we know when you apply.**

Those chosen to be interviewed will be notified by **April 1, 2020**. **We ask all students to use our remind app** so they have time to prepare for the interview. **If you apply you must sign up for our remind classroom code:** remind.com/join/ylwf2021 or text @ylwf2021 to the number 81010 or (919) 809-6392.

Community Involvement: Participating in Youth Leadership Wake Forest provides an opportunity for students to connect to many civic and volunteer organizations that work to better our neighborhoods and improve the lives of the community at large. Furthermore, through Youth Leadership Wake Forest, the change in you can spark the change needed throughout the entire community.

Training is hands-on, experiential learning. Daily sessions focus on team building and self-awareness, traits of successful leaders, community leadership, service leadership, entrepreneurship, civic leadership, and community service projects.



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STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

School Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Current Grade Level (circle one) 9th 10th 11th

Home Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Student's Cell Phone (Required*): _____

Student's Email address: _____

Parent/Guardian Data (to be used as emergency contact information):

Mother/Guardian Name: _____

Mother/Guardian Email: _____

Mother/Guardian Cell Phone: _____

Father/Guardian Name: _____

Father/Guardian Email:

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Personal Data: Please write legibly or attach a separate sheet. We encourage applicants to type their responses. Please list and explain below your:

School Activities:

Community Activities:

Personal Accomplishments:



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Please respond to the following questions by sharing your own ideas and opinions.

1. How would a leadership program help you grow as a person and help you in the future?
2. What are your future plans and career goals?
3. What makes you unique and how do you see these qualities helping you in leadership development?
4. What is a common problem in your community and how would you solve that problem?



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PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN

I understand the purpose of the Youth Leadership Wake Forest program and, if selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. I will make every effort possible to attend all sessions. If accepted into the Youth Leadership Wake Forest program, I understand that a sponsor, grant, or charitable donations will be acquired to fund these sessions. These funds will support all meals, speakers, materials, graduation, and administrative fees. These funds allow this experience to be free of charge for youth participants. Therefore, the Wake Forest Chamber Foundation for Common Progress expects my full participation.

This is a Wake County approved program and participation in the activities will not count as an absence. However, if you don't attend Heritage, Wake Forest, Wakefield, Rolesville or Franklin Academy you will be required to seek approval from your local school for the dates to be excused.

I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

This applicant has my approval and full support, which includes the time required to participate in the program and the time needed for a community service project. I acknowledge that all photos taken of the group or individually are the sole property of the Wake Forest Chamber Foundation for Common Progress and allow use of said photos in marketing materials, website and social media sites used to promote Youth Leadership Wake Forest.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Please fill out this form for the student below. Place it in an envelope, seal the envelope, and write your signature on the sealed edge of the envelope. Please return it to the student by the following date: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's School: _____

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1. Do you recommend this student for the Youth Leadership Program? Why or why not?

2. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

3. What do you consider to be the applicant's primary talents or strengths?

4. Please describe one situation where you observed the applicant in a leadership role.

5. Please comment on why you think this student is a strong candidate for the program, or reasons why you think he/she may benefit from the program.



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6. Please rate your perception of the applicant's skills in the following areas:

	Outstanding (top 5% of students)	Good (top 6-25%)	Average (top 26-50%)	Needs Improvement (less than 50%)
Initiative				
Responsibility				
Leadership				
Maturity				
Ability to work with others				
Concern for others				
Oral communication skills				
Interest in community affairs				
Persistence and drive				

Please tell us anything else you would like for us to know about the applicant.

Teacher Signature: _____

Subject Taught: _____ Date: _____

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Reference Two: To be completed by a Counselor, Principal, Supervisor, and/or Youth Leadership Wake Forest Graduate. References must be turned in with completed application to the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce (350 S. White Street, Wake Forest, NC 27587.)

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Organization: _____ Date: _____