



Youth Leadership Sarasota County

**Sarasota County
High School Juniors**

Our Mission: Engaging, developing and inspiring community leaders.

CALENDAR Application Deadline

**Thursday, May 31, 2018
12 NOON!
NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

**Welcome and Opening Retreat
Mandatory Attendance!**
Saturday, August 25, 2018
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Entrepreneurship/Technology Day
Tuesday, September 18, 2018
1:00 – 5:00

Health & Human Services Day
Tuesday, October 9, 2018
8:00 – 12:00

Arts & Culture Day
Tuesday, November 13, 2018
1:00 – 5:00

Media Day
Tuesday, December 11, 2018
1:00 – 5:00

**Community Service Day
Mandatory Attendance!**
Saturday, January 12, 2019
8:00 AM to 12:00 noon

Leadership Connections Night
Tuesday, January 24, 2019
5:30 – 8:00

Education Day
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
1:00 – 5:00

Government & Leadership Day
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
8:00 – 12:00

Environment Day
Tuesday, April 9, 2019
1:00 – 5:00

Graduation
Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Our Goals:

- Identify high school students who are leaders or have demonstrated leadership potential.
- Give young people the knowledge, tools & contacts to create successful leaders.
- Instill and nurture a sense of social responsibility in our youth.
- Offer a forum for young leaders to express their needs, goals and opinions.
- Explore the diverse facets of Sarasota's social affairs, government and business.
- Provide participants a chance to serve their community.
- Present young leaders with a renewing and fun experience.

Orientation / Opening Retreat – Saturday, August 25, 2018 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

What is Youth Leadership? Who are your fellow classmates? What does leadership mean? How does Youth Leadership intersect with the Adult Leadership program? Learn the answers to all of these questions. How well do you know your fellow classmates? Can you operate as a team? Bond with your classmates, learn about your different leadership skills and get to know each other while having fun! **Parental attendance is requested! Student attendance is mandatory!**

Entrepreneurship/Technology Day – Tuesday, September 18, 2018 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Have you always wanted to be your own boss or have your own company? How will technology influence your career? This day will introduce you to community members who successfully operate their own companies using skills and technology they learned early in their careers!

Health & Human Services Day – Tuesday, October 9, 2018, from 8:00 to 12:00

How do we as a community meet the needs of our youth, our senior citizens, those without affordable housing or those with limited food? What issues confront the youth in your community? Your day will include visits to non-profit agencies and to learn how their leaders are confronting these challenges!

Arts & Culture Day – Tuesday, November 13, 2018 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Have you ever wanted to see the backstage of our local art facilities? Have you wondered how you can turn your passion for art into a career? This day will allow you into the hearts of the art facilities in our community and meet the people who have turned art into their careers!

Media Day – Tuesday, December 11, 2018 from 1:00 to 5:00

Just how does a leader handle the media? Do you see yourself behind the camera at WWSB ABC 7 for the afternoon news? This exciting day allows you to meet the leaders in various media outlets and then have a tour of some of our local media partners.

Community Service Day – Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

What can you do to give back to your community? We'll take time from our lives to help others in need by participating in a project that you devise by targeting a community need. Full participation will not only leave you feeling awesome, but attendance is mandatory to graduate from the program.

Leadership Connections Night – Tuesday, January 24, 2019 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm

What is the Adult Leadership Program all about? Be a voice for the Youth in your community, connect with leaders in the Adult Program, and learn new leadership skills together. Don't miss this mutual opportunity to engage with and inspire other leaders of all ages.

Education Day – Tuesday, February 12, 2019, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Do you wonder what Sarasota has to offer for a post-secondary school choice? Learn about FAFSA and why you need to complete the application. What scholarships are available locally?

Government & Leadership Day – Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 8:00 to 12:00

Do you know the leaders of government in your community? Do you aspire to be an elected official? During this day you will have the opportunity to actually sit in the chambers of some of our government facilities and find out about the inner-workings of your government!

Environment Day – Tuesday, April 9, 2019 from 1:00pm to 5:00 pm

What are the natural resources of Sarasota? How is your community balancing the responsibilities of growth and development, with preserving its resources?

Graduation – April 23, 2019 Time TBD

A time to celebrate your accomplishments and share them with your family and friends!!

THE MISSION

Youth Leadership Sarasota County is a county-wide program designed to nurture and develop positive leadership qualities among high school juniors in Sarasota County. It's about Sarasota County and how young people can make it a better place. It's work; it's fun. It's learning about the community, its services and about how to serve.

THE GOALS

- To identify high school students who are leaders or have demonstrated leadership potential
- To give young people the knowledge, tools and contacts to make successful leaders
- To instill and nurture a sense of social responsibility
- To offer a forum for young leaders to express their needs, goals and opinions
- To expose young leaders to the diverse facets of Sarasota – in social affairs, government and business
- To provide participants a chance to serve their community
- To present young leaders with a rewarding and fun experience

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please type or print. Only completed applications will be considered, and must include:

1. Applicant's Submittal. Fill out completely, including the back page.
2. Guardian's Waiver. Have this completed by your parent or guardian and include with your completed application.
3. Adult Reference. Have this completed by an adult who is not related to you. The Adult must return the reference directly to the Chamber. Do not include the reference with your application. Be sure you follow up with the Adult to confirm he or she submitted your reference form by the deadline.

I understand that I must complete the Applicant's Submittal portion of this by myself, and state that no one else has completed the application on my behalf. _____ YES _____ NO

REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

One hundred percent (100%) attendance of all program sessions is expected of each student. Participants must fully participate in the Orientation/Opening Retreat on Saturday, August 25, 2018, and in Community Service Day on January 12, 2019, as a requirement for graduation from the program. Students who miss more than two of the scheduled program days will be dismissed from the program without the opportunity to graduate.

I have compared my schedule with the Program Calendar dates attached and agree, if I am selected, to commit to attend every one of the program sessions.

_____ YES _____ NO

I agree that if selected I will wear casual business attire that also meets my school dress code requirements (except no shorts) to each of the activities unless informed otherwise, out of respect for the professional establishments we will be visiting. I will not wear jeans, shorts, or flip flops.

I also understand that at times if approved by my parents, I will either be responsible for transporting myself from one location to another during the scheduled activities, carpooling with other students (as specifically authorized by my parents), or that I will be transported with an approved adult leader of the Youth Leadership Program and my parents have consented to this arrangement.

I further understand that e-mail will be the primary method of communication between the program leaders and the participants. If I am selected, I will have an active e-mail account that I will check daily for communication about the program. I understand that the adult program coordinators may choose to utilize an adult monitored, "closed group" social media site, (such as facebook), to facilitate communication and coordination among the participants and that participating in such a site is voluntary and requires the consent of my parent or guardian if I wish to participate.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Guardian

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print legibly)

Name _____ Email address _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Name you prefer to be called _____ Phone _____

Birth date _____ School _____

GENERAL INFORMATION – attach extra sheet if necessary

1. Using a few phrases or adjectives, describe yourself (personality, character, etc.).

2. Briefly describe two of the most significant problems facing Sarasota County.

3. Give a possible solution to one of the problems you listed.

4. How do you believe you can contribute to the betterment of this community?

5. What are your long range goals? (Please include your career interest and name of college or university you plan to attend.)

6. Other than your parents, whom do you most admire and why?

7. What qualifications make an effective leader?

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SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Other schools attended:

List up to three special awards, honors or recognitions you have received from the 7th through 10th grades for academic or community related activities.

Main areas of interest in studies:

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list in order of importance to you, up to three school, volunteer, social, athletic, artistic or other activities or groups in which you have participated during the last four years:

ORGANIZATION/ACTIVITY	GRADE IN SCHOOL	LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY OR INVOLVEMENT
1 _____		
2 _____		
3 _____		

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WORK EXPERIENCE

List any part-time job experience you have, paid or volunteer, and briefly tell what is involved.

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Do you currently have a part-time job? _____ How many hours a week? _____

Would your job interfere with your attendance at Youth Leadership Sarasota County? _____

IMPORTANT NOTES

A \$150 program fee is due **upon acceptance** to the Youth Leadership Sarasota County Program.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND FEE WITH THIS APPLICATION!!

A limited amount of partial financial assistance will be available to those who cannot participate in the program due to the \$150 fee. Please indicate whether you will be seeking financial assistance. Your application to the program will be considered on the basis of your merit alone and without regard to your request for financial aid. If you request financial assistance, you will be asked to provide documentation verifying your family's financial circumstances.

I would like to be considered for partial financial assistance to help with the program fee.
_____ YES _____ NO

All applications will be reviewed in confidence, and only completed applications will be considered. Participants will be selected solely on the basis of information provided in this confidential application and references. All applicants will be notified in writing of the selection committee's decision.

Return to:

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP SARASOTA COUNTY
THE GREATER SARASOTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
1945 FRUITVILLE ROAD
SARASOTA FL 34236**

Or Email: bhines@sarasotachamber.com

**ADULT REFERENCE FORM
YOUTH LEADERSHIP SARASOTA COUNTY
(Must be an adult who is not related to the applicant)**

Applicant's Name _____

You are asked to provide information on the applicant to effectively determine his or her commitment to Youth Leadership Sarasota County. Please give serious consideration to each statement.

1. Describe your relationship with this applicant and how long you have known him/her.

2. What characteristics of an effective leader do you see in this applicant?

3. Describe a particular incident that makes you think this applicant is a good candidate for Youth Leadership Sarasota County.

4. How would you rate this applicant as a candidate for Youth Leadership Sarasota County?

___Excellent ___Good ___Average ___Poor

Reference's Signature _____

Print reference's name _____

Home address _____

Telephone _____ Date _____

Thank you for your candor.

Please return this form to Barbara Hines, The Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce, 1945 Fruitville Road, Sarasota FL 34236, or email bhines@sarasotachamber.com.
Do NOT return the completed form to the student.

If this form is not completed and returned, the student will not be eligible for selection.

GUARDIAN'S WAIVER AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

I, the undersigned, am the parent or guardian of _____, a high school junior for the school year 2018-2019. (print name of youth)

I understand that if my child is selected as a participant in the Youth Leadership Sarasota program, which is sponsored by The Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce ("GSCC"), I will give my approval for my child's participation in the program, which will require my child to attend events organized by GSCC, that will start and end at a variety of different locations in Sarasota County. I understand that for a high quality program, it is necessary to travel to various places during the Youth Days. I understand that at times the Youth will either be responsible for transporting themselves from one location to another during the activity, or must carpool with other students (as specifically authorized by me), or will be required to consent to transportation with an approved adult leader of the Youth Leadership Program. I understand that for some events, my child may be transported on buses or other vehicle arranged by GSCC, and I authorize GSCC to include my child in such transportation arrangements.

I understand that participants in the program may be photographed or videotaped. I authorize the use of any photographs or videotape of my child in conjunction with GSCC.

I further understand that e-mail is the primary method of communication between the program leaders and the participants. If my child is selected, he or she will have an active e-mail account that is checked daily for communication about the program. I understand that as the parent or guardian of a participant in the program, I will also provide my e-mail address for communication with the program coordinators and will assist my child in managing communication and notifications for the program.

I understand that the adult program coordinators may choose to utilize an adult monitored, "closed group" social media site, (such as facebook), to facilitate communication and coordination among the participants. Only confirmed class members and approved adult coordinators will be authorized to view and comment upon information on any such site and all such information will otherwise be private to the members of the group. I understand that participating in such a site is not a requirement for participation in the program, but that doing so may assist my child in facilitating and communicating information with respect to the program.

I _____ do or _____ do not **(please check)** give permission for my child to participate in an adult monitored, "closed group" social media site for communicating with and exchanging information solely among the selected class members and the approved adult coordinators for the Youth Program.

My child has no special physical or medical condition that would make his or her participation in the program inappropriate. I agree that GSCC shall not be responsible for any injury or illness sustained by my child as a result of his or her participation in the program, including injury or illness sustained during travel to and from program events.

On behalf of myself, my child, and any other parent or guardian of my child, I release and agree to indemnify GSCC from liability for any claims, suits, or expenses resulting from any injury or illness sustained by my child, or any damage or loss to property in the possession of my child, arising out of my child's participation in the program. This Authorization and Release is for the benefit of GSCC and its officers, directors, members, and agents.

I have read and understand the provisions of this Authorization and Release.

Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Print name of Parent or Guardian