

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.
- ___ Include **ONLY TWO** letters of recommendation with your application.
- ___ Submit completed application with attachments by May 16th at the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce office, 316 Main St., Shelbyville KY 40065. 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 2025-2026 _____

School Name _____

STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN COMMITMENT

Students are expected to attend all sessions, complete the monthly homework assignment and community service project. 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.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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

Principal Signature _____ School _____ Date _____

**Completed applications and letters are due by May 16th to:
Shelby County Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 335, 316 Main Street, Shelbyville, KY 40066
OR EMAILED TO BETH@SHELBYCOUNTYKYCHAMBER.COM**

Tips for completing Young Leaders Institute Application

- **Grades are looked at to ensure you will be capable of missing class and being able to make up any work**
- **Academic Honors & Awards**
 - All awards you have received from 1st grade to current can be included
 - Have you received an award for most improvement, excellence, creativity, dedication or anything else? This can all be included here
- **Leadership Skills Demonstrated**
 - Be creative and think outside of the box
 - Leaders come from all different backgrounds, educational status, lifestyles and much more
 - There is not a “box” for a leader
- **Community Involvement & Work Experience**
 - What have you been involved in: sports teams, academic teams, church, volunteering
 - Work experience can include babysitting, dog sitting, mowing lawns, helping your neighbor scrape their driveway. Work is work, again think outside of the box.
- **Your most important achievement**
 - Think outside of the box again, trust me, you have some amazing achievements
 - Have you struggled in a class and finished with a better grade than you anticipated? If so, what did you do? Studying harder, staying after talking to the teacher, seeking additional help? THIS IS A HUGE ACHIEVEMENT!
 - Not all achievements get recognized, but these are huge accomplishments to be proud of

Please note, this program is to help show our youth that each and every one of you are leaders and we want to help guide you throughout the program. There is not a little box that leaders fit into, however leaders come from all walks of life and our community needs a diverse mix of all different style leaders to be successful. Good luck and we hope to see you soon as a future Young Leader with the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce!

1. SCHOLASTIC EXPERIENCE and ACHIEVEMENTS (20 Possible Points)

Only school-based activities should be listed in section 1. These achievements are from 1st grade to current, think outside of the box.

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. Again, this is everything you have volunteered or participated in, think outside of the box.)

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) _____
