



Junior Leadership Academy APPLICATION

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APPLICATION AND ALL FORMS DUE BY April 29, 2019.

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The program will be offered to **rising 9th graders who reside in North Augusta**. JLA is conducted during the month of July and will consist of an orientation, 7 six-hour sessions, and a graduation ceremony. *Public, private and home school students may apply.*

Session Dates:

July 10 Orientation

July 16-18 Sessions 2-4

July 31 Graduation

July 11 Team Building Session1

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Application Deadline: Applications are due no later than 4pm on Monday, April 29, 2019. Deliver or mail to North Augusta Chamber, 406 West Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841. *Mailed applications must be postmarked by Friday, April 26, 2019.*

Expectations:

- Orientation is a mandatory evening event for parents and students. (Date, Location TBA)
- Active participation in the Class Project discussion and event(s).
- Attendance at all sessions is expected. Only ONE absence is allowed and MUST be approved in advance.
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Program Objectives:

- Encourage students to recognize and develop the skills needed for leadership potential.
- Provide opportunities for a diverse group of students to interact with one another and with community leaders and decision makers.
- Acquaint students with community needs, resources and other aspects of the greater North Augusta area.
- Introduce students to emerging career opportunities by working with a variety of professionals. They will also discover what it takes to reach their goals and acquire some of the skills needed to get there.
- Foster students' interest in volunteer community service.

Program fee is \$50 and will be collected upon acceptance to the program.

Scholarships may be considered for students with little to no family income.

Junior Leadership Academy is a program of the Greater North Augusta Chamber of Commerce and administered by the Chamber's Education and Workforce Development Council. The mission of the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce is to promote and meet the unique needs of local business and industry in order to strengthen the community in which we live, work, play and do business.

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(Please print clearly)

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____

Name you prefer to be called (Nickname) _____ Age _____ M _____ F _____

Current School _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

High School Attending: _____

Do you have access to a computer to check email on a daily basis? Yes No

If selected, you are agreeing to commit to attend the program orientation, each of the seven program session days and graduation. Full attendance by each participant is mandatory if Junior Leadership Academy is to meet its objectives.

I understand and accept the attendance requirements for Junior Leadership Academy.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____



PARENT PERMISSION

I am the parent/legal guardian of _____ (student name). I have read the information on the Junior Leadership Academy program and am willing to have my child participate. I understand that participation at all sessions is mandatory. Junior Leadership Academy, its agents and its employees have my full permission and consent to transport and otherwise provide transportation form my child by public services bus, private automobile, vans or other appropriate means of transportation in connection with all sessions of Junior Leadership Academy during the term in which he/she is a participant.

I hereby release and hold harmless: Junior Leadership Academy and North Augusta Chamber of Commerce; its members, agents and employee; or any individuals involved in the planning, organization or presentation of Junior Leadership Academy programming, for any accident, injury, illness or any damage whatsoever related to the above-mentioned student's attendance and participation in any activity or session of Junior Leadership Academy.

Parent/Guardian (1) Signature Cell #

Parent/Guardian (2) Signature Cell #

Email (1) Email (2)

Will the program fee prohibit your child's participation into the program? Yes No Possibly



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References:

Please give the attached Reference Form to any *three* adults who have known you for more than one year, other than a parent or relative. **Only one reference will be accepted from a school representative.** (The three references should be returned directly to you in a sealed envelope to be included with your completed application).

NAME OF REFERENCE _____

Position/Title _____

Place of employment _____

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CLASS ORIENTATION: (Mandatory, July 10 2019) The objectives of the Orientation Class are to introduce the class to each other, class members' parents and the members of the Education/Workforce Development Council, introduce all elements of the program, set standards to be upheld during the program, and begin team building with an eye toward future elements. *This is an evening event for the students and their parents.*

TEAM BUILDING: (Mandatory, July 11 2019) The objective of the Team Building class is to challenge class members to work together through a set of confidence exercises. Class members are given significant time to work together to select and begin to develop the Class Project. Class members also participate in team building exercises to bring them closer together.

LEADERSHIP: The objectives of the Community Class are to educate and understand the greater North Augusta area and the issues and the challenges of the community through different community organizations.

COMMUNICATION AND ETIQUETTE: The objectives of the Communication and Etiquette class day are to learn how to better communicate with our peers and advisors. Interviewing, social media and day to day etiquette and communication will also be focused on throughout the day.

SUCCESSFUL LIVING: The objectives of the Successful Living Class day are to educate everyone on the benefits of having well rounded life, from physical, emotional and social living. Organizational, financial and stress management skills will also be focused on as well how to stay motivated.

LOCAL HISTORY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT: The objectives of the Local History, Culture and Environment are to better understand our fragile environment, to recognize the stewardship that contributes to the unique quality of life in our region, and to more fully recognize our need to preserve and protect this environment. To more fully understand and appreciate the breadth and depth of our arts and cultural community.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. Civic engagement involves "working to make a difference in the civic life of one's community and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make that difference. It means promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and non-political processes" This class also introduces students to the legal system and laws that affect their daily lives, suggesting good decision making and consequences

Note: Elements of leadership skills training will be implemented into each class. Students will learn to summarize what they have learned, communicate that summary to others and apply critical thinking to analyze and improve what they have experienced.

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