

Junior Leadership Academy APPLICATION

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APPLICATION, ESSAYS and REFERENCE(S) DUE BY April 14, 2021



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The curriculum will acquaint participants with community needs, opportunities, challenges and resources. It will give them the tools to develop leadership, communication and team building skills and provide them with the channels to interact with students from other schools, community leaders and decision makers.

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

Session Dates:

July 12 Orientation

July 13-15 Sessions 1-3

July 20-22 Sessions 4-6

July 27-29 Sessions 7-9

July 29 Graduation

Application Deadline: Applications are due no later than 4pm on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. Deliver or mail to North Augusta Chamber, 406 West Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841.

Expectations:

- Orientation is a mandatory evening event for parents and students. (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.

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 available for students with limited family income.

Junior Leadership Academy is a program of the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce Foundation (501C3 #84-2122430) 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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Extra-Curricular Activities:

Please answer each question in the space provided. (No attachments)

Please list in order of importance to you any school, employment, volunteer, religious, social, athletic or other activities/organizations in which you have participated. Also, include your length of involvement in each activity.

Select one activity/organization listed above and briefly explain how your participation has been a benefit to you and the organization.

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Recognition:

Please list any forms of recognition you have received for school or community-related activities and any leadership positions or offices you have held. (*indicate what years*)

Personal Thoughts and Views:

(To be included as attachments along with your application)

In no more than 250 words each, please address two (2) of the following topics: (This section accounts for ¼ of your application process)

1. Why do you want to participate in the 2021 Leadership class?
2. What qualities would you bring to your class, if accepted?
3. What leadership trait do you feel you need to develop? Why?
4. What does being a leader mean to you?
5. If you could meet **two** famous people who have inspired you to be a leader, who would it be and why?

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

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Questions? Call 803-279-2323
Admin@NorthAugustaChamber.org

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References:

Please give the attached Reference Form to *at least one (maximum three)* adult who has known you for more than one year, other than a parent or relative. **(The reference letter should be mailed / emailed to the North Augusta Chamber (Admin@northaugustachamber.org) – 406 West Avenue, North Augusta SC 29841).**

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Reference Request

You have been asked to prepare a letter of reference by an applicant for the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce Junior Leadership Academy.

Please explain why you believe this applicant is a good candidate for the Program.

Please submit your letter of reference by email to Admin@northaugustachamber.org or mail to 406 West Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841.

Thank you.

North Augusta Chamber of Commerce
Education & Workforce Development Council
c/o Junior Leadership Academy

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