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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, charter and home school students may apply.*

Session Dates:

July 11OrientationJuly 26-28Sessions 7-9

July 12-14 Sessions 1-3 July 28 Graduation

July 19-21 Sessions 4-6

Application Deadline: Applications are due no later than <u>4pm on Monday, April 11, 2022</u>. Deliver or mail to North Augusta Chamber, 406 West Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841.

Expectations:

- Orientation is a <u>mandatory</u> 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. Students will 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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(Please type/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 E	mail	
High School Attending:		
Do you have access to a computer to che	ck email on a daily basis? I Yes	🗖 No
If selected, you are agreeing to commit to graduation. Full attendance by each parti		
□ I understand and accept the attendance	e requirements for Junior Leadership A	.cademy.
Student Signature:		Date:
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 ar mentioned student's attendance and partic	ny accident, injury, illness or any dama	ge whatsoever related to the above-
Parent/Guardian (1)	Signature	Cell #
Parent/Guardian (2)	Signature	Cell #
Email (1)	Email (2)	
Will the program fee prohibit your child	d's participation into the program?	□ Yes □ No □ Possibly

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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 <u>WILL NOT</u> BE ACCEPTED AFTER Monday, April 11, 2022.

Printed applications should be emailed or delivered to the Chamber Office:

406 West Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841

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 (<u>Admin@northaugustachamber.org</u> – 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 <u>Admin@northaugustachamber.org</u> 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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