



Youth Leadership Jackson Information for 2009 - 2010 Applicants

Review the following information before completing your application form. Please make note of the dates on the Program Calendar and, under Selection Process, the fact that finalists will be interviewed 4 – 8 p.m. on **Tuesday, October 13, 2009**. 100% attendance at all sessions is required, so please make sure that you do not have any conflicts with these dates before applying. Except under extenuating circumstances as determined by the Board of Directors, failure to attend 100% of all sessions will cause you to be removed from the program.

ELIGIBILITY

Sophomores and juniors who attend public, parochial and independent schools in the Jackson metropolitan area and who are residents of the area are eligible. Interested students should:

- Demonstrate leadership in school and/or community activities
- Express an interest in furthering their knowledge of the greater Jackson area
- Commit to **100%** attendance at all sessions
- Receive a recommendation from their principal/headmaster
- Acquire principal's/headmaster's approval to participate in the program
- NOTE: A **\$100** processing fee will be charged to your school or you if you are selected as a class member in the 2009 - 2010 class of Youth Leadership Jackson.

APPLICATION CHECK LIST

Fill out the application form completely and return it to the Youth Leadership Jackson office by **October 1, 2009**.

Give one reference form to your principal/headmaster or counselor and the second one to a teacher or other adult who knows you well. If this is your first year at your current school, give the second reference form to a teacher, principal/headmaster or counselor at the school you attended last year.

For more information, see your counselor, principal/headmaster or call the Youth Leadership Jackson office at 601-948-7575.

SELECTION PROCESS

Using the objectives of Youth Leadership Jackson as a guide, the Selection Committee will:

- Review all applications
- Choose a group of finalists to be interviewed after school on **Tuesday, October 13, 2009**.
- After interviewing the finalists, select the class of approximately 40 participants

All applicants will be notified in writing of the Selection Committee's decision.
All applications will remain confidential.

Orientation - for all participants and their families
Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Youth Leadership Jackson 2009 - 2010 Calendar



OPENING RETREAT

Friday, November 13 (6 – 11 p.m.) - Saturday, November 14, 2009 (8 a.m. - Noon)

This weekend retreat serves as an introduction to the program year. Students will participate in and explore group dynamics, public speaking, team building, and decision-making and leadership concepts.

Participants will examine their own attitudes and experiences that make up a diverse community to include race, religion and culture.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN AMERICA

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

This program is designed to give participants an opportunity to identify, understand and come to terms with institutional racism. Participants will be able to examine their own attitudes toward racial issues and learn to communicate more effectively. Personal and group appraisals of racial identity, prejudice and personal challenge will be analyzed.

THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, LAW AND POLITICS

Tuesday, January 12, 2009 (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

An in-depth review of the justice system and juvenile crime; how laws are made, carried out and affect the system, and how city, county and state government operates. Students will explore current issues and trends, focusing on the impact that special interest groups have on lawmaking.

THE HUMAN SIDE: HOW DO WE DO THE RIGHT THING?

Tuesday, February 2, 2010 (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Are we our brother's keeper? Discussions, site visits and decision-making exercises will explore social responsibility, ethics, youth gangs, teen pregnancy, the homeless, child abuse, the welfare system and other areas of human needs, health and services. This day will be one in which students see, feel and experience the human side of our city.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: QUALITY OF LIFE

Tuesday, March 2, 2010 (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

This day is designed to give students a first-hand look at the artistic and cultural diversity of our metropolitan area. What characteristics make our area attractive? How does this relate to quality of life and economic development? This program will explore the tangible and intangible aspects of quality living in the Jackson area.

WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN

Friday, April 2, 2010 (8 a.m. – 6 p.m.)

A day to reflect on the year, establish personal priorities based on the Youth Leadership Jackson experience and accept challenges for the future. As a component of this program, students will participate in an assigned community service project (community service hours can be earned toward credit).

GRADUATION

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 (6 - 7:30 p.m.)

This celebration honors members of the 2007 - 2008 Youth Leadership Jackson class for their successful completion of all program requirements.