



YMCA

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP COWETA

PROGRAM APPLICATION

Youth Leadership Coweta, a county wide leadership program for high school juniors, is designed to develop leadership potential and to acquaint participants with community needs, problems and resources through interaction with local leaders and decision makers. This program was designed to parallel the adult Leadership Coweta program with the intention of developing and cultivating future leaders. Participants gain insight into the complex decision making process that is essential in addressing community issues and also learn about cultural and economic opportunities, and resources available in this area.

Eligibility

All juniors who are residents of Coweta County are eligible. Interested students should:

- Demonstrate leadership in school and/or community activities
- Express an interest in furthering their knowledge of Coweta County
- Commit to full participation in the program
- Complete the application including two references, approval from their school and parents

Selection Process

The Youth Leadership Coweta task force is composed of community volunteers and YMCA staff. This task force oversees the planning and implementation of the program. It also is in charge of the selection process. Using the program objectives and eligibility requirements as guidelines, the committee reviews all applications confidentially. All applicants are notified of the selection results.

Fees

There is no cost to participate in the Youth Leadership Coweta program. However, as part of the program, participants are required to help with a fund raising project to help offset program expenses. This is designed to give students a valuable 'real world' learning experience.

Time Commitment

Youth Leadership Coweta requires a six-month commitment (approximately ½ day each month) from each of the participating students. A different program activity is scheduled monthly. Attendance at five monthly programs is mandatory. Any student with more than one absence will not receive a certificate of completion. However, all participants may attend the graduation. Participants will be allowed to make-up one missed program by attending a Coweta County Board of Commissioners meeting or a Newnan City Council meeting and submitting a one-page essay, typed and single-spaced relating their experience and what was learned. The essay must be presented to the YMCA no later than 2 weeks prior to Graduation.



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APPLICATION FORM

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED IN CONFIDENCE - DEADLINE TO APPLY IS SEPT. 30, 2009

ESTABLISHED THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF:

Leadership Coweta / Chamber of Commerce

Coweta County School System

Summit Family YMCA

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Sept. 1 - 30	ANY	Submit student applications to the YMCA
Oct. 5 - 9	To Be Determined	Conduct student interviews, finalize class participants
Oct. 13	6:30pm	Welcome banquet for students & parents – at CEC dining hall
Nov. 8	11:30 – 4:30pm	It Takes A Village “Teambuilding” – at Summit Family YMCA
Jan. 23*	9:00am – 12:00pm	Local government/visit to Justice Center – meet at Redneck’s @9am
Feb. ____	To Be Determined	Legislators at Work: Trip to the State Capitol
March ____	To Be Determined	A Healthier Tomorrow – healthcare and what it means to us!
April ____	To Be Determined	Stewards of the Environment: Keeping Coweta Green
April ____	To Be Determined	Closing Ceremony / Graduation**

* Optional date – Jan. 30th

** May piggyback onto “Stewards...” session in April

Monthly programs will take place on a weekend or evening – approximately 4 hours each session. Food will be provided unless otherwise noted.

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY! A student who misses more than one monthly program will not receive a certificate of completion.

For questions or to submit applications:

Amy Girouard, YMCA

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PERSONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT NEATLY OR TYPE)

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

Name you prefer to be called _____ Home Ph _____ Cell _____

Age _____ Sex _____ School _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ E-mail _____

Your T-shirt / Sweat Shirt Size _____

Parents/Guardians' Names _____

Parent best phone contact _____ Parent E-Mail _____

*It is important to provide both the student's and parent's phone and e-mail contact. The YMCA will be sending out communications and program activity reminders by e-mail *and* phone call messages.

SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Other High Schools attended (if any) _____

List up to five awards, honors or recognitions that you have received from the 7th grade through the present, for academic, school, or community-related activities:

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list, in order of importance to you, up to five school, volunteer, religious, social, athletic, or other organization/activity in which you have participated during the last 4 years.

ORGANIZATION / ACTIVITY GRADE IN SCHOOL YOUR INVOLVEMENT

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

WORK EXPERIENCE

List any part-time job experience you've had, paid or volunteer, and briefly tell what it involved.

Do you currently have a job: _____ How many hours per week? _____
Would your job interfere with your participation in Youth Leadership Coweta? ___ Yes ___ No



GENERAL INFORMATION

1. What goals (personal, educational and/or career goals) have you set for your future, and how do you plan to attain those goals?

2. Tell us about a leadership role that you have had in your school, community, church, work or family life, and tell some of the responsibilities you had in that role.

3. As a potential leader in the community, what changes would you make and why?

4. What benefits do you hope to receive by participating in Youth Leadership Coweta?



REFERENCES (Please list two references **OR** submit reference sheets below)

- 1. Your high school principal, counselor or teacher and,
- 2. Any adult who knows you well, other than a parent or relative (e.g. a teacher, scout or church leader, etc.).

1. Name of Principal / Counselor / Teacher _____

Position / Title _____

School / Firm / Organization _____

Telephone Number _____ E-Mail _____

2. Name of Other Adult Reference _____

Position / Title _____

School / Firm / Organization _____

Telephone Number _____ E-Mail _____

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE ENDORSEMENT – *from school principal, teacher or counselor:*

I support this student’s application to Youth Leadership Coweta and acknowledge the attendance requirements of the program.

Print _____ Signature _____ Date _____

STUDENT COMMITMENT

I understand the purpose of the Youth Leadership Coweta program. If I am selected, I commit to **participating as required** in order to complete the program. This includes not missing more than one monthly session and also participating in a class fundraising project to help offset program expenses. I understand if these requirements are not met, I will not receive a certificate of completion at the conclusion of the program. In signing this application, I agree to fulfill the program requirements and I make a commitment to honor them.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

PARENTAL CONSENT

I give permission for my child to participate in the 2009-10 Youth Leadership Coweta program.

Signature of Parent / Guardian _____ Date _____

DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.

STUDENTS WHO ARE SELECTED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE YLC PROGRAM WILL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE BY OCT. 9th

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Youth Leadership Coweta Reference Form

PERSON MAKING REFERENCE:

Your Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

I am offering a reference for the following student applicant;

Applicant's Name: (print) _____

Capacity in which you know applicant: _____

Length of time you know applicant: _____

Please tell us why you think the above person is a good applicant for Youth Leadership Coweta (e.g. benefit to applicant or what they'll contribute to the class)...

Signature: _____

Please return this completed form to:
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