



Youth Leadership Oconee Application

Objective: To provide opportunities for young adults to develop the leadership skills and community awareness necessary to meet the challenges facing Oconee County.

Who should apply:

- Current 10th and 11th grade students living or educated in Oconee County (including home-schooled students) who want to further develop their leadership skills and channel those skills towards helping others and improving their community.
- Current or emerging youth leaders who want to take on more active leadership roles in their school or community.

Before applying, please review the following program dates and the attendance requirements.

Program Dates:

Monday, October 5, 2009 – Orientation
(7:00-8:30pm)

Thursday, November 19, 2009 –
County Government
(4:30-7:30pm)

Monday, January 18, 2010 – Retreat
(8:30am-4:00pm)

Thursday, February 18, 2010 – County Services
(4:30-7:30pm)

Thursday, March 18, 2010 –
Entrepreneurship/Financial Acumen
(4:30-7:30pm)

Thursday, April 15, 2010 – Art/Non-Profits
(4:30-7:30pm)

Sunday, May 16, 2010 - Graduation
(5:00-6:00pm)

Volunteer Service Dates (30 hours required community service for graduation):

Friday, October 16, 2009—Fall Festival
(4:00-8:00 pm)

Saturday, October 17, 2009 – Fall Festival
(8:00am-5:00pm)

Thursday, January TBD, 2010 - Annual Meeting
(times TBD)

Thursday, April TBD, 2010 – Business Expo
(times TBD)

Time Commitment:

- If selected, you commit to attending the orientation, all-day retreat, four (4) program sessions and graduation. **Please note: Your application is a commitment to attend the Retreat on MLK Holiday.**
- Being on time for all events and actively participating in all activities is mandatory for maximum benefit from the youth leadership program.

Applicant's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, September 30, 2009

****This application is available for downloading, completion, and printing. Please contact zgattie@occoc.org or www.occoc.org.**

(Please print, type or recreate on computer using same format. Do not add additional pages and limit response(s) to front of page only.)

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name _____
(last) (first) (name preferred)

Home Address _____
(Street and Number)

City _____ Zip Code _____ County of Residence _____

School _____ E-Mail _____

Home Phone _____ Cell phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____ Ethnic Background (optional) _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian E-Mail _____ Parent/Guardian cell phone _____

Are there any medical problems or allergies we should be aware of?

EMPLOYMENT: (if applicable)

(List current or most recent position first)

Employer	Title	Period of Service
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Job Responsibilities:

If you are selected for Youth Leadership Oconee, will your work hours be flexible to allow for full participation?

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

Please list activities, organizations, or hobbies in which you have been involved (clubs, athletics, volunteer/community service, religious, scouting, after-school lessons, etc.) and the role you played in the activities.

<u>Activity/Organization</u>	<u>Role Played/Office Held (if applicable)</u>	<u>How long have you participated?</u>
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List any honors, awards or recognitions you have received:

If your participation in activities/organizations has been limited, please indicate the reasons.

Time Lack of interest Transportation Work Financial Reasons Family responsibilities Other (describe)

**** Please note: The essay must be typed.**

THOUGHTS ON LEADERSHIP ESSAY:

Identify a situation or an issue that you have observed at school or in the community and describe how leadership affected or could have affected the decisions that were made.

TUITION AND NEED-BASED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Tuition: \$150.00 – Tuition payment may be made in more than one installment. A deposit of \$100.00 must be paid at Orientation on October 5, 2009. The balance must be paid on or before November 19, 2009 (County Government Session).

Financial Assistance: This is a need-based scholarship.

Youth Leadership Oconee is committed to providing financial assistance to those students who demonstrate a need. To do so, it is expected that those students who are able will pay full tuition, thereby ensuring the distribution of funds where they are most needed. A student's request for financial assistance will not affect acceptance into the program.

Do you expect to require financial assistance to participate in the program? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what is the approximate amount you would need? _____

To be considered for financial assistance, please attach a one-page essay regarding your request for need-based financial assistance. The request for assistance must be signed by a parent/guardian.

All information will be confidential. Every effort will be made to provide assistance where it is needed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Along with your application, please submit two (2) completed recommendation forms (see attached). These recommendations should be written by the following adults outside your family:

- 1) One school official (teacher, counselor, club advisor, principal/headmaster, etc.) who knows you
- 2) One adult in the community (minister, employer, volunteer supervisor, etc.) who knows you

NOTE: Each recommendation must be returned in a sealed envelope with the endorser's signature across the outside flap.

Deadline for Applications: Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Return completed application (with two sealed and signed envelopes containing recommendations) to the Oconee County Chamber of Commerce.

