

Cleveland/Bradley Chamber Youth Leadership

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Please read before completing application.

Please keep this sheet for reference.

Cleveland/Bradley Chamber Youth Leadership is a program of the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce and Bradley County and Cleveland City Schools that seeks to develop leaders who will have a positive impact on the growth and development of Cleveland/Bradley County.

Selection Criteria

Participation in Chamber Youth Leadership is open to students attending Cleveland High School, Bradley Central High School and Walker Valley High School. Participants will be chosen by a Selection Committee comprised of current and past Leadership Cleveland participants and based upon the information contained in this application. The committee will seek representation from a cross-section of the student body. These leaders and potential leaders will be active in student clubs and organizations and will reflect the diversity of the student body.

Information

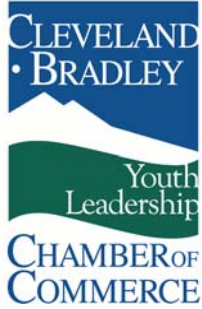
A group of 24 **rising** juniors and seniors will be selected to join the Youth Leadership class, which will participate in a number of activities designed to help the students learn more about their city and county while practicing a variety of leadership skills. Students will attend a two-day retreat and five daylong activities that will involve travel to a variety of sites in the county.

Please consider your decision to apply seriously. Students will be expected to attend all activities and to involve themselves totally. Some outside work may be requested. The program requires a commitment from you and a corresponding commitment from your parent(s)/guardian(s). **Selection is an honor.** The Youth Leadership Committee will do everything possible to ensure this is a valuable and enjoyable experience for those involved.

Instructions

Consider the commitment. Then if you decide you would like to apply, you should do the following:

1. Have your parent/legal guardian read this information and sign the application.
2. Type or print the application information in black ink. Please complete each section fully and limit answers to the space available.
3. Obtain three reference forms.
4. Obtain a current school transcript.
5. Submit all these materials no later than 3 p.m., February 22, 2008, to your guidance counselor.
6. **The two-day mandatory retreat days will be July 29 and July 30, 2008.**



Personal Information

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

Name You Go By _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex (Circle) F M

Current Class Level 10th _____ 11th _____

Student email address _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Work Phone _____

Emergency Phone Contact _____

Polo Shirt Size S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Permission of Parent/Guardian
(See Cover Page; Must Accompany Application)

Chamber Youth Leadership is managed by the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce, and Bradley County and Cleveland City schools. We are an all-volunteer organization. The cost of the program is underwritten by business and industry.

If at any time you have any suggestions or questions, please feel free to contact Sherry Crye at 472-6587.

Health insurance is a requirement to participate in Chamber Youth Leadership. Please provide the information below.

Health Insurance Company _____

Policy Number _____

I _____ have read the information about the Chamber Youth
(Print parent/guardian name)

Leadership program and understand the commitment involved on the part of student. With that

understanding, I give _____ my permission to participate in the Youth
(Print child's name)

Leadership program.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

Student Commitment

Managing time, planning ahead and keeping commitments are three important aspects of leadership. **Attendance at all Chamber Youth Leadership sessions is mandatory.** You will be excused at school for each session that takes place while school is in session, but you are still responsible for the work missed. All sessions will take place during the school year except for the two-day leadership retreat, which will take place **July 29 and July 30, 2008. Please review your schedule to make certain that you do not have a conflict with those days.**

If selected, are you willing to make a commitment to attend **all** sessions as scheduled?

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

List any activities you have been involved in during the past two years (academic, school or community), noting any special awards, honors or positions of leadership you have held:

Identify any special talents you have not included in the above information:

Main area of interest in studies: _____

Using a few phrases or adjectives, describe yourself. _____

In your opinion, what is the most pressing concern of the youth of Cleveland/Bradley County?
What is your proposed solution to the problem?

Why do you want to be a part of Chamber Youth Leadership, and what do you hope to gain from the experience?

Briefly respond in **no more** than 100 words to the following questions (attach an additional sheet if necessary):

1. What is your definition of a “good leader”?

2. If you could change anything about your community, what would it be and why?

Cleveland/Bradley Chamber Youth Leadership Reference Form
(Adult Who Knows You Well But Not a Relative)

To the applicant: Fill in your name and give it to your references.

Candidate's name _____

To the reference: This student is applying for admission to the Chamber Youth Leadership program. Your complete and thoughtful responses to the questions below and comments on the back will help the Selection Committee make its final selections. This form **will not** become part of any permanent file. It will be used strictly in this selection process and will be viewed only by those with a pertinent interest in that process.

Upon completion, enclose this form in a sealed envelope and return it to the student.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what activities or organizations have you been involved together? _____

Please evaluate the student in the areas below comparing him or her with similar students/young people you have had interaction with in the past:

Attitude Toward Work

- Outstanding
- Above Average
- Average
- Can be indifferent
- Lacks commitment

Dependability/Consistency

- Always dependable
- Above average
- Average
- Occasionally unreliable
- Usually unreliable

Initiative

- Self-directed/motivated
- Usually independent
- Complete work assigned
- Needs some prodding
- Very hesitant

Relations with Others

- Exceptionally good
- Generally very good
- Average
- Occasional conflicts
- Many conflicts

Maturity

- Extremely mature
- Above average
- Average teenager
- Somewhat mature
- Very immature

Judgment

- Exceptionally good
- Above Average
- Average
- Occasional poor judgments
- Frequent poor judgment

Please complete the back of this form to finish the reference for this student.

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Student Reference Form- page 2*

Summary Comments

We must select a small number of students from a large pool of exceptional applicants. Can you tell us something about this student that is not reflected in any of the above ratings that will help us make a decision? What makes this student exceptional? Summary comments are extremely important to the selection committee. Please use the space below. If you need more space, you may attach another sheet.

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