

Junior Leadership Central PA

Let the
Leader
in you
shine through!

West Shore
Chamber of Commerce

Inspiring Business

Acquaints high school students with community needs and resources which influence the future of central PA.

Develops leadership skills and encourages students to interact with community leaders, decision-makers and peers from other schools.

Challenges emerging leaders to apply their new knowledge and skills to community service projects.

In cooperation with: **Big Spring, Camp Hill, East Pennsboro Area, Northern York, Carlisle Area, West Shore, Cumberland Perry AVTS, Cumberland Valley, West Perry, Mechanicsburg Area School Districts**

Application Deadline
May 15, 2010

Please return your completed application with a \$10 fee (check or money order) according to your Guidance Counselor's directions.

All applicants & schools will be notified in writing of the Selection Committee's decision.

The Application Form is also available on our website at www.wschamber.org

Personal Information

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

Name you prefer to be called: _____ Home Phone Number _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: M / F Anticipated Year of Graduation: _____

Name of School: _____



References

Please give the attached reference forms to any adult who has known you for more than one year, other than a parent or relative. At least one reference must be a current teacher. **(These references should be returned directly to you in a sealed envelope to be included in your completed application.)**

1. Name of Reference: _____ Position/Title _____

Place of Employment: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

2. Name of Reference: _____ Position/Title _____

Place of Employment: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Guidance Counselor's Signature: _____

Principal's Signature: _____



Attendance

Full attendance by each participant is essential if the Junior Leadership Central PA program is to meet its objectives. School attendance credit will be granted for each session attended.

If selected, I commit to attending each of the program sessions. I understand that transportation is the responsibility of each participant.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date: _____

Please answer each question in the space provided. (No attachments please)

Activities/Organizations

Please list, in order of importance to you, any school, employment, volunteer, religious, social, athletic or other activities/organizations in which you have participated within the past two (2) years. Also, include your length of involvement with each activity.

Select one (1) activity/organization listed above and briefly explain how your participation has been of benefit to you and the organization.



Awards & Honors

Please list any awards, honors, or recognition for school or community related activities you have received. Include any leadership positions or offices held within the past two (2) years.

Essays

Please answer these questions in the space provided below. (No attachments Please)

Why do you want to participate in the Junior Leadership Program? What benefits do you hope to gain and what contributions can you make to the program?

What leadership trait do you feel you need to develop? Why?

Tell us something about yourself that we may not have learned through other parts of this application.

The West Shore Chamber of Commerce is a dynamic business organization that advances member success, influences issues, and exemplifies strong business performance. The Chamber represents, promotes and facilitates business for the community.

Reference Form

Confidential reference form for _____

School: _____

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Your Name: _____ Position/Title _____

School/Firm/Organization: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



1. For how long and in what capacity have you known the candidate?
2. Please write a letter of recommendation for the candidate and attach it to this form. In the letter, please comment on the candidate's strengths, talents, relationships with his/her peers, as well as the benefits you think the candidate would derive from participation in a leadership development program.
3. Please use the scale below to compare the candidate with other high school students you have known.

| | Excellent | Good | Average | Unable to Judge |
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Junior Leadership Central PA
Student Selection Information
For the Applicants to the class of 2011
(Please read carefully)

Eligibility

Students from all public, parochial and private schools in Central Pennsylvania who will be entering their junior year in the Fall of 2010 are eligible.

Application Procedure

- ★ Complete the application and **submit it with a \$10 fee** (check or money order) according to the directions of your Guidance Counselor or Student Activities Director. Check or money order should be made payable to "West Shore Chamber of Commerce".
- ★ Two references from adults (or other than your parents relatives) who have known you for more than one year must be included in your completed application. At least one reference **MUST** be from a teacher. **Please use the attached reference forms.**
- ★ The application deadline is May 15, 2010.
- ★ Only the first 20 fully completed applications (including the two references and the \$10 processing fee) received from each school by the established deadline will be eligible for consideration.

Selection

Criteria:

- ★ An expressed interest in understanding and serving the community
- ★ Enthusiasm and commitment to participate in the program
- ★ Demonstrated or potential leadership ability

Process:

- ★ Using the selection criteria, the Selection Committee will review the first 20 completed applications received from each school.
- ★ The finalists may be invited to a personal interview with the Selection Committee in May 2010.
- ★ All applicants will be notified in writing of the Selection Committee's decision by the end of May 2010.

Tips to Applicants

- ★ Neatness counts.
- ★ All answers and essays are required to be on the application form. No attachments will be reviewed.
- ★ Please note that all essays are heavily weighted by the Selection Committee.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:
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Junior Leadership Central PA

Description

Junior Leadership Central PA is a leadership program for high school juniors that enables students to develop leadership skills while increasing awareness of their community. It is one of the programs offered by the West Shore Chamber of Commerce whose mission is to represent, promote and facilitate business for the community. It is guided by the Chamber's Education Committee that is made up of a cross-section of community leaders and educators. Junior Leadership has the support of ten school districts in Central Pennsylvania and numerous corporations and individuals throughout the community.

Junior Leadership Central PA offers students the opportunity to work with adult leaders in their community through day-long seminars held over a seven-month period. These sessions focus on leadership skills, environmental issues, citizenship/government, media/communications, community issues, community service and diversity. This in-depth curriculum acquaints participants with community needs, opportunities, challenges and resources.

Program Objectives

- ★ Encourage students to recognize their own potential and develop their leadership skills.
- ★ Acquaint students with community needs, resources and other factors that influence the direction of the Central Pennsylvania Area.
- ★ Provide opportunities for a diverse group of students to interact with each other and with community leaders and decision-makers.
- ★ Foster students' interest in volunteer community service.



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