



Youth Leadership Calhoun County 2023-2024 Application

What is Youth Leadership Calhoun County?

Youth Leadership Calhoun County (YLCC) is a program of the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce. This 9-month program provides the class members with the tools to develop individual leadership skills, increase their understanding of our community and be part of leadership outside the classroom. Class members network with other young leaders in the community from different schools with different backgrounds and establishes friendships that will last into their future.

Selection Process

- Deadline for submitting the application package: **May 3, 2023**
 - **email to krychelles@calhounchamber.com**
- **Interviews scheduled for: May 10, 2023 at the Calhoun County Area Chamber & Visitors Center**
- Top 32 application/interview scores determine the future 11th graders chosen to represent their schools for the program.

Application Package

- Completed Application
- Teacher, Coach, Principal, Vice Principal, or Guidance Counselor Recommendation Letter
- Head Shot (Selfie without filters)
- Email to krychelles@calhounchamber.com

Class Schedule

YLCC Program will begin with an Orientation for parents and students. This orientation will cover topics including what to expect, transportation, and reporting absences as well as completing participation forms. YLCC Class is typically 8:00-2:00 with each day beginning at the Calhoun County Area Chamber & Visitors Center, 1330 Quintard Avenue, Anniston, AL unless otherwise notified via email or REMIND. Most session dates are on Tuesday with the exception of the Parent/Student Orientation in September, possibly the October session, and the February session.

Tentative Dates

September	11	2023	Parent/Student Orientation	January	9	2024	
September	12	2023		February	8	2024	This session is on Thursday
October	3	2023		March	7	2024	Trip to Montgomery (Optional)
November	14	2023		April	9	2024	
December	5	2023		May	7	2024	Graduation-Parents are invited

Attendance

Full attendance at each Youth Leadership Calhoun County activity is required. School attendance credit will be given for each session attended. Hourly attendance is recorded.

Tuition/Fee

Tuition of \$100 is due at by the first program day on September 12, 2023. Tuition helps offset program costs. There are full and partial scholarships available. Check the box at the end of the application if needed.

School Experience

List any special awards, honors or recognitions for academic, school or community activities you have received from the 7th through 10th grades:

Organizations and Activities

List in order of importance to you, three organizations in which you have participated in during the last four years. (School, community, religious, social, athletic, or other activities)

Organization/Activity

School Grade

Leadership Responsibly

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Work Experience

List any job experience, full or part-time, paid or volunteer, and briefly explain what it involved.

Do you currently have a job? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, how many hours per week? _____

Would your job or any other outside involvement interfere with your attendance at Youth Leadership Calhoun County activities? Yes ____ No ____ (please refer to the tentative class schedule in the application)

Essay

Please respond to the following two questions. Both responses should be in 50 words or less.

1. If you could change anything in your community, what would it be?
2. What individual, with whom you have a personal relationship, has most influenced your life?

Why?

General Information

Briefly describe yourself:

What two things concern you the most about life in Calhoun County?

What are your top 3 career fields of interest? (Required)

What do you hope to gain from your Youth Leadership Calhoun County experience?

Program Commitment

Full attendance at each Youth Leadership Calhoun County activity is required. School attendance credit will be given for each session attended. Hourly attendance is recorded. If selected, would you make a commitment to attend each one of the program sessions? Yes _____ No _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Will a scholarship be necessary for you to participate in this program? Yes _____ No _____

Application Package Should Be Returned To:

Krychelle Smith: krychelles@calhounchamber.com

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Questions regarding the Youth Leadership Calhoun County Program can be directed to:
Krychelle Smith at 256.237.3536 or krychelles@calhounchamber.com