

THE FUTURE

Greeneville and Greene County are directly tied to the quality of their leadership. Greene County Youth Leadership is an affiliate program of the Greene County Partnership. The mission of Greene County Youth Leadership is to identify and prepare the community's future leadership resources. Greene County Youth Leadership will provide a network of future and emerging leaders who possess the skills and the commitment to continue the success of the community.

THE ALUMNI

As part of the continuation of the Greene County Youth Leadership Program, alumni may serve as members of the Greene County Youth Council, a community service-oriented program, also a program of the Greene County Partnership. They will be invited to participate as volunteer assistants at the opening Youth Leadership retreat.

GREENE COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

The Greene County Youth Council Program schedules community service projects on nights and/or weekends to alleviate any missed school time. It is a volunteer-based program comprised of students from all local high schools, and all students who want to become involved in community service are welcome to join.

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**Greene County Youth Leadership and
Greene County Youth Council are programs
of the Greene County Partnership**

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**GREENE COUNTY
YOUTH LEADERSHIP**



**A Program of the
Greene County Partnership/
Chamber of Commerce**

MISSION

Greene County Youth Leadership is a personal program designed to motivate high school sophomore, junior, and senior students to develop and enhance the quality of their leadership in addressing pertinent community needs and implementing them into their everyday life and school situations.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- To identify future and potential leaders in life, school, and the community and to help them prepare for future leadership roles in the community;
- To provide these future leaders with a practical and comprehensive understanding of major issues and opportunities facing the Greene County area;
- To improve the communications network among leaders from disparate backgrounds and interests;
- To create a forum for persons of demonstrated commitment to the community to meet and exchange ideas; and
- To stimulate increased student leadership participation and commitment in the community.

THE PARTICIPANTS

A group of high school sophomore, junior, and senior students representing all five area high schools, a cross section of Greene County, and selected by the Greene County Youth Community Action Team's Selection Committee through an application and personal interview process. Participants are chosen for their potential or demonstrated leadership abilities, academic excellence/achievement, and their commitment to school and community. Interaction with this diverse group stimulates and challenges each member.

THE PROGRAM

Greene County Youth Leadership begins in August with a day-long retreat and continues through graduation ceremonies in April. Participants are exposed to a variety of viewpoints which illustrate the array of economic, political, educational, and social factors at work in Greene County. They meet with area leaders in business, media, government, education, and service organizations. In addition, participants receive training in leadership effectiveness and human behavior.

The following is a proposed outline for Greene County Youth Leadership 2023-24:

August 2023	Retreat
September	Agriculture Day
October	Heritage Day
November	Social Services Day
December	Leadership Training & Skills Day
January 2024	Economic Development Day
February	Government Day
March	Healthcare Day
April	Nashville Trip
April	Greene County Youth Leadership Graduation Ceremonies

RETREAT

All class participants must attend the opening retreat in order to participate in the Greene County Youth Leadership Program, unless otherwise involved in a school sponsored activity the day of the retreat. The opening retreat will give the class an opportunity to meet and get to know members of the program from other high schools, and will feature team-building exercises and peer-bonding, as well as leadership skills training.

THE TUITION

Tuition is \$50 per participant and non-refundable. Included in this fee are all costs, including the opening retreat, leadership notebooks, meals, travel, materials, speakers, shirts, etc. 2023 sponsorships for the Greene County Youth Leadership and Greene County Youth Council programs are provided by Wal-Mart Transportation, John Deere Power Products, Leonard Associates and AMSEE

GRADUATION AND BEYOND

Participants must make a commitment to the program. Attendance at the retreat and each monthly session, including the Nashville trip, are prerequisites for graduation certification. Since the graduates of the Greene County Youth Leadership Program possess a unique understanding and appreciation of the inner workings of our community, they will be excellent future candidates to serve on local boards, committees and task forces.



GREENE COUNTY
YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Greene County Youth Leadership

Training Tomorrow's Leaders Today



**A program of the
Greene County Partnership
for High School Upperclassmen**

**Application Packet
2023–2024**

MISSION

Greene County Youth Leadership believes that all youth are gifted and are capable of making a positive difference in their communities. Through this program, we hope to empower selected youth as leaders and trustees of our community, to establish exemplary leadership skills that will have a positive impact upon the decisions they make and will be implemented in their day-to-day activities to enable them to use these skills with their families, peers, schools and community.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Orientation/Opening Retreat — August 2023

Class Session	September 2023	7:45 a.m.—2:45 p.m.
Class Session	October 2023	7:45 a.m.—2:45 p.m.
Class Session	November 2023	7:45 a.m.—2:45 p.m.
Class Session	December 2023	7:45 a.m.—2:45 p.m.
Class Session	January 2024	7:45 a.m.—2:45 p.m.
Class Session	February 2024	7:45 a.m.—2:45 p.m.
Class Session	March 2024	7:45 a.m.—2:45 p.m.
Class Session	April 2024	Nashville trip
Recognition & Graduation Ceremonies in April 2024		

Sessions will include: Interactive Leadership skills
*Emphasizing Local and State Government, Agriculture, Health Care and Environment, Local Heritage/Religion, Business and Industry

GOALS

- Address youth who have leadership potential
- Develop leadership skills in youth
- Provide an awareness of community resources and volunteer opportunities and promote participation in community service and responsible citizenship
- Develop pride in the community which will strengthen a life-long bond to the area
- Increase knowledge leading to greater tolerance, understanding and appreciation of human diversity, promoting healthy community building activities and preventing violence

EXPECTATIONS

- Respectful and exemplary leadership behavior
- Mandatory attendance at Opening Retreat
- No more than one excused absence at regular meetings. Two late arrivals or early departures is equivalent to one absence.
- Completion of necessary service time and assignments outside of session

Students who fail to adhere to the above requirements may be dismissed from the program. The leadership steering committee will review each situation and make a decision regarding continued participation in the program.

Program Overview

SELECTION PROCESS

1. **DEADLINE:** All applications, permission forms and reference forms must be **completed in their entirety leaving NO questions unanswered**, and received by Greene County Youth Leadership at the Greene County Partnership, 115 Academy Street, Greeneville, TN 37743...*no later than April 12.*
2. Suggested references: Teacher, Counselor, Youth Leader, Minister, etc. Someone that is NOT related to you.
3. The Selection Committee will review applications completed in their entirety and submitted by the *deadline.*
3. All applicants will be notified to schedule an interview. If accepted, a \$50 tuition fee will be required.
5. Orientation for selected participants will be held in August 2023, at 8:00 a.m. prior to the Opening Retreat.

CHECKLIST

- Completed application
- Two completed reference forms
- Parental/guardian permission
- School transcripts

Applicants will not be considered unless ALL information is submitted to the Greene County Partnership by April 4, 2023

PLEASE DETACH THIS SHEET and KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

DUE

April 12, 2023

CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR GREENE COUNTY YOUTH LEADERSHIP
(Please type or print application. Complete all information using this form only.)

PERSONAL DATA

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

Home Address _____
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Cell Phone _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex _____
month/day/year male/female

School _____ Present Grade _____

Parent(s) Name _____ T-Shirt Size _____

EMAIL: (no school emails) _____

****The program is looking for a full application, so fill out as much as you can in the next two sections.**

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS/RESPONSIBILITIES

List up to three school activities (including sports) in which you have participated during high school.

Name of club/organization/activity School year involved Your role in the activity

1.

2.

3.

If you haven't had the opportunity to participate in activities, check the reasons why.

Time Not interested Transportation Work Financial reasons Other _____

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING & ACTIVITIES

List five activities that are non-school related in which you have volunteered during high school time period. (Community/civic/religious/scouting, etc.) This is volunteer hours and not paid jobs or school activities.

Name of organization/activity Dates involved Your role in the activity

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

If you haven't had the opportunity to participate in activities, check the reasons why.

Time Not interested Transportation Work Financial reasons Other _____

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

List any awards, honors or recognitions for academic, school, religious or community-related activities you have received over the last four years (you may attach a separate page).

DUE

April 12, 2023

WORK EXPERIENCE/HOME RESPONSIBILITIES

List any part-time job experiences, paid or volunteer, and briefly tell what is involved:

Do you currently have a part-time job? _____ How many hours per week? _____

Name of employer: _____

If selected for the Greene County Youth Leadership Program, are there other responsibilities (besides high school) that would exclude you from participating in the leadership training program between the hours of 7:45 a.m.—2:45 p.m.? _____ If yes, explain: _____

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

In your opinion, what responsibility do youth have to help solve community problems?

If you could change anything in the Greene County area, what would it be and why?

CONCLUSION

How did you find out about Greene County Youth Leadership?

Friend Teacher Counselor Media Parent Presentation at school

Why do you want to participate in Greene County Youth Leadership?

ATTENDANCE

If selected, you commit to attend the program Orientation, the Opening Retreat, each of the Class Program Sessions and Graduation. Full attendance by each participant is required for the youth leadership program to meet its objectives.

I understand and accept the requirements for Greene County Youth Leadership.

Student signature _____ Date _____

****A school transcript must be attached to the application packet****

REFERENCES

Please give the attached reference forms to two adults whom know you well, excluding a relative (example: teacher, religious leader, youth club advisor, boss, etc.). Please only choose ONE teacher and one other reference instead of two teachers. Remind each person that the reference form is due to Greene County Youth Leadership by April 12.

Applicants will not be considered unless this and all forms are completed in their entirety, leaving no questions unanswered and submitted by the deadline, April 12, 2023

PARENTAL PERMISSION

DUE

April 12, 2023

PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR _____ (student name)

I am the parent/legal guardian of _____ (student name). I have read the Information on the Greene County Partnership Youth Leadership Program and am willing to have my child participate. Greene County Youth Leadership, its agents and its employees have my full permission and consent to transport and otherwise provide transportation for my child by bus, private automobile, vans or other appropriate means of transportation in connection with all sessions of Greene County Youth Leadership during the school year in which he/she is a participant.

I hereby release and hold harmless Greene County Youth Leadership, its members, agents, employees of and any individuals involved in the planning, organization or presentation of Greene County Youth Leadership programming, for any accident, injury, illness or any damage whatsoever related to the above mentioned student's attendance at or participation in any activity or session. I hereby agree that my child will abide by the rules set forth by the Greene County Youth Leadership Program.

Parent/Legal Guardian (please print)

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Cell number _____ Home telephone _____

Address _____

PHOTO RELEASE

Photos will be taken of the Youth Leadership class and published in the local paper. I hereby give do not give the Greene County Partnership my permission to use the participants photo for promotional purposes.

Student signature _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____

SCHOOL REQUIRMENTS

Scheduled meeting days must be furnished to the school administrators and absences from school will be considered a "school sponsored event" and will not penalize the student in any way. Students are expected to inform instructors of their absences due to participating in this program and are responsible for making up any missed assignments/ tests.

Please mail or deliver completed form:
Greene County Youth Leadership, 115 Academy Street, Greeneville, TN 37743

April 12, 2023

REFERENCE FORMGIVE THIS FORM TO EACH OF YOUR TWO REFERENCES

STUDENT NAME _____

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Name of Adult Reference _____ Position/Title _____

School/Business/Religious Group/Organization _____

Address _____ Work Phone _____

Signature _____

1. Length of time you have known applicant?
How do you know the applicant?
2. What do you consider to be the applicant's primary talents or strengths?
3. Comment on the applicant's relationship with his/her peers?
4. Please describe one situation where you observed the applicant in a leadership role.
5. Please use the scale below to compare the applicant with other high school upperclassmen you have known:

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Poor	Unable to Judge
Character					
Concern for others					
Responsibility					
Leadership					
Initiative					
Ability to work with others					
Maturity					
Oral communication skills					
Persistence and drive					
Interest in community affairs					

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