



*Our mission is to provide community education and leadership development training to high school students through experiential learning activities that connect youth to their community and inspire them to be problem solvers, decision makers, and future leaders in our community.*

Dear Hall County High School Sophomore,

Thank you for your interest in applying to Youth Leadership Tomorrow Class #22. The success of the program is due to the talent and diversity of high school juniors in Hall County, along with the dedicated leaders who are willing to share their wisdom with our classes.

Youth Leadership Tomorrow is an interactive leadership development program. It offers high school juniors the opportunity to develop, strengthen, and obtain leadership skills through seminars, tours, dialogue, interaction with leaders, and awareness- and skill-building exercises.

Youth Leadership Tomorrow is directed at developing skills of students who are beginning to show leadership potential and have an interest in their community but have not had many opportunities to lead yet. The program also increases students' understanding of Hall County and helps students to discover the power of good leadership and how to make a difference.

Youth Leadership Tomorrow meets one day each month between October and April and attendance is required. Additional activities such as orientation, graduation, class project, and other community activities will be scheduled with ample advanced notice.

Please read the entire application including the general information/instructions and email [jsabott@leadershiptomorrow.com](mailto:jsabott@leadershiptomorrow.com) with any questions. The application is available at [www.leadershiptomorrow.com](http://www.leadershiptomorrow.com).

Thank you for your interest in Youth Leadership Tomorrow. Printed applications are due by **4:00pm on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Joan Sabott

Program Coordinator

[jsabott@leadershiptomorrow.com](mailto:jsabott@leadershiptomorrow.com)





## 2018/2019 Youth Leadership Tomorrow Application Information/Instructions

### Eligibility

- Be enrolled as a student in a Hall County School.
- Be in your junior year of high school during the 2018/19 school year.
- Possess a desire to develop and utilize leadership skills.
- Have an interest in learning more about Hall County leaders, services, and organizations.

### Program Goals

- Expand knowledge of Hall County.
- Meet and interact with teens from other Hall County high schools.
- Develop leadership skills.
- Become aware of what important issues leaders must consider.
- Become community builders by doing fun and important projects.

### General Instructions for Application

- Complete this application including all written responses, signatures, and recommendation letters. Application is available online at [www.leadershiptomorrow.com](http://www.leadershiptomorrow.com).
- Applications must be typed. No handwritten, incomplete, emailed, or faxed applications will be accepted.
- Recommendation letters must be sent or emailed by the letter writer, not by the applicant.
- Do not change the margins and do not use smaller than a 12-point font.
- Please DO NOT STAPLE your application but put it in unfolded in a large envelope in the following order:
  - Personal Information
  - Essay Questions
  - Applicant Commitment
  - Parent/Guardian Permission
  - School Approval
- Return (mail or drop off at our office) by 4:00pm on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to Youth Leadership Tomorrow, 3180 W US HWY 34, Grand Island, NE 68803. Late applications will not be considered.
- **Interviews** will be held in late June or early July for candidates being considered for acceptance.
- The Youth Leadership Tomorrow Committee will review the applications and all applicants will be notified via email in July.

### Requirements for Graduation

- **Attend all sessions.** The program runs from October through April. Absences will need to be approved.
- **Prioritize Youth Leadership Tomorrow sessions** by not coming late/leaving early, etc.
- **Participate** in a class community project.
- **Support the class** through possible additional community activities (Rotary events, radio/tv advertisements, news interviews, etc.).
- **Attend one Rotary meeting** throughout the year to show your appreciation for the program funding and become acquainted with an important community organization.
- **Help to organize** sessions and plan for our guests.

### Cost

- A \$250.00 tuition is due by Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, for those accepted into the program.
- Youth are encouraged to find businesses to sponsor their full or partial participation in the program. A Fundraising 101 Class will be held in early August to help support your fundraising efforts.
- Limited scholarships for up to 50% of the tuition may be available to offset the cost of the program. Email [jsabott@leadershiptomorrow.com](mailto:jsabott@leadershiptomorrow.com) for more information.

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE BY**  
**4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**Send or drop off completed application to:**

Youth Leadership Tomorrow  
3180 W. US HWY 34  
Grand Island, NE 68801

NOTE: Applications received after the deadline will not be opened or considered.

## Youth Leadership Tomorrow Application: Personal Information

Please type your responses to the following requested information.

<b>Name</b>

<b>School</b>

<b>Home Address, City, State, Zip</b>

<b>Home Phone</b>

<b>Cell Phone</b>

<b>Email Address</b>

<b>Parent/Guardian's Name(s)</b>

### Optional

Leadership Tomorrow respectfully requests the following information which is provided to various funders (this information is NOT used as criteria for selection into Youth Leadership Tomorrow and is NOT associated by name, school, or community.)

Gender:            \_\_\_ Male        \_\_\_ Female

Race/Ethnicity    \_\_\_ African American    \_\_\_ Caucasian    \_\_\_ Latin    \_\_\_ Asian  
                         \_\_\_ Native American    \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Youth Leadership Tomorrow Application: Essay Questions

Please respond to the narrative questions with the following guidelines:

- Number your responses as they are numbered below (or use the below to fill in the responses).
- Each response should be approximately 150 words. No more than 200 words for any one response.
- Type all responses in an easy-to-read format in 12-point size.
- Please put your name at the top of the narrative questions.

### Essay Questions

1. Describe one personal accomplishment or achievement that makes you particularly proud. What personal characteristics or leadership skills helped you achieve those accomplishments?
2. Think about your school culture, schedules, activities, academic, and social opportunities. If you could change anything, what would it be and why? How do you think participating in Leadership Tomorrow will help build your skills to be able to address this problem?
3. What do you love about Hall County?
4. Finally, grade yourself on the following scale:
  - A. Proven leader who has had plenty of leadership opportunities. I really shine as a leader and I am recognized as a leader by friends, family, and school leaders.
  - B. Leader who has had one or a few opportunities and I have had successes but need more development.
  - C. I have a feeling that I would be a great leader, but I haven't had any real opportunities to lead. Getting skills would be great.

## Youth Leadership Tomorrow Application: Applicant Commitment

*Please read and sign the following:*

I understand the purpose of the Youth Leadership program. If I am selected, I will devote my time and resources to complete the program. Even though emergencies do arise, if I miss more than one session I understand that I may be asked to withdraw from the program. Additionally, I wrote my own responses to the narrative questions and personally asked my references to write the recommendation letters. I understand and accept these commitments and agree to honor them.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your interest in Youth Leadership Tomorrow and for your  
desire to invest in yourself and your community.*

## Youth Leadership Tomorrow Application: Parent/Guardian Permission

*An applicant MUST have the approval of his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) to attend the sessions of Youth Leadership Tomorrow held during the school year. Please have your parent(s)/guardian(s) complete this section.*

I am the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (student name). I have read the information on the Youth Leadership Tomorrow program and am willing to have my child participate and understand that they will miss a minimum of seven school days to participate in monthly full-day sessions from October – April and additional commitments (community events, service project, etc.). I agree to help my child meet the expectations of the program.

I understand that the cost for the program is \$250 to be paid by Friday, September 14, 2018 and that my son/daughter may find sponsors to support their participation in the class.

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

## Youth Leadership Tomorrow Application: School Approval

*An applicant MUST have the approval of her/his school principal or guidance counselor to attend the sessions of Youth Leadership Tomorrow held during the school year. Please have your principal or guidance counselor complete this section.*

I approve of the participation of \_\_\_\_\_ (student name) in the Youth Leadership Tomorrow program for 2018/19. This student meets the criteria of meeting academic standards of your school for student participation in extracurricular activities and attending school without excessive absences or tardies. The student may be excused for seven full-day Youth Leadership Tomorrow monthly sessions between October and April and possible community events/service projects.

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal/Guidance Counselor Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Principal/Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_





**Youth Leadership Tomorrow Reference Letter #1: Community Recommendation**

*Student: Please ask one adult in your community (not at school and not family; possible people include family friend, club coach, etc.) to complete this letter.*

*Letter Writer: Please type or write legibly. Also, please ask the student to tell you about Youth Leadership Tomorrow. You can send the letter to Youth Leadership Tomorrow/3180 W. US HWY 34, Grand Island, NE 68801 or scan/email to [jsabott@leadershiptomorrow.com](mailto:jsabott@leadershiptomorrow.com) by May 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Is the student open to learning new things? Yes or No

5. What are the strengths of this student?

6. What does he/she need to develop to be a good leader?

Name of Letter Writer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Letter Writer: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_