



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 #24. 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 September 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 with any questions. The application is available at www.leadershiptomorrow.com.

Thank you for your interest in Youth Leadership Tomorrow. Applications are due by **4:00pm on Wednesday, April 1st, 2020**. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Joan Sabott

Program Coordinator

jsabott@leadershiptomorrow.com



2020/2021 Youth Leadership Tomorrow Application Information/Instructions

Eligibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Be enrolled as a student in a Hall County School. ▪ Be in your junior year of high school during the 2020/21 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complete this application including all written responses, and recommendation letters. Application is available online at www.leadershiptomorrow.com. ▪ Applications must be typed. No handwritten or incomplete applications will be accepted. ▪ Recommendation letters must be emailed by the letter writer, not by the applicant. ▪ Do not change the margins and do not use smaller than a 12-point font. ▪ <u>Please DO NOT STAPLE your application but put it in unfolded in a large envelope in the following order:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Personal Information</u> ▪ <u>Essay Questions</u> ▪ <u>Signature Page</u> ▪ Return (email, mail or drop off at our office) by 4:00pm on April 1st 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 April for candidates being considered for acceptance. ▪ The Youth Leadership Tomorrow Committee will review the applications and all applicants will be notified via email in May.

Requirements for Graduation

- **Attend all sessions.** The program runs from September through April. Absences will need to be approved.
- **Prioritize Youth Leadership Tomorrow sessions** by not coming late/leaving early, etc.
- **Support the class** through possible additional community activities (Rotary events, radio/tv advertisements, news interviews, etc.).
- **Help or be on a team for the Freeze Out Games**, which is the annual fundraiser for the Youth Leadership Tomorrow program.
- **Help to organize** sessions and plan for our guests.
- **Engage with area nonprofits as part of sessions** with the option of additional nonprofit support outside of sessions.

Cost

- A \$350.00 tuition is due by Friday, September 4th, 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 June 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 for more information.
- The Greater Grand Island Community Foundation also has grant opportunities for students who receive free or reduced lunch.

Please do not hesitate to apply due to tuition. There are many ways to cover tuition, including grants and fundraising from local organizations.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY
4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1st, 2020

Email completed application to:
Joan Sabott
jsabott@leadershiptomorrow.com

Youth Leadership Tomorrow Application: Personal Information

Please type your responses to the following requested information.

Name

School

Home Address, City, State, Zip

Home Phone

Student Cell Phone

Email Address

Parent/Guardian's Name(s)

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 ___ Latino/a ___ Asian
 ___ Native American ___ Other _____

Youth Leadership Tomorrow Application: Essay Questions and Signature Page

Please respond to the narrative questions with the following guidelines:

- Number your responses as they are numbered below.
- 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 is one leadership skill that you see in great leaders that you would like to emulate? Why?

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.

Signature for Application

By signing this application, you are agreeing to 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: _____
(Please type full name)

Date: _____

Youth Leadership Tomorrow Reference Letter #1: School Recommendation

Student: Please ask an adult in your school community 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 scan/email to jsabott@leadershiptomorrow.com by April 1st, 2020.

Student's name: _____

1. Is the student open to learning new things? ____ Yes ____ No
2. What are the strengths of this student?
3. What does he/she need to develop to be a good leader?
4. What concerns, if any, do you have about the student participating in the YLT program?

Name of Letter Writer: _____

Signature of Letter Writer: _____

School and Position: _____

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 scan/email to jsabott@leadershiptomorrow.com by April 1st, 2020.

Student's name: _____

1. Is the student open to learning new things? ____ Yes ____ No
2. What are the strengths of this student?
3. What does he/she need to develop to be a good leader?
4. What concerns, if any, do you have about the student participating in the YLT program?

Name of Letter Writer: _____

Signature of Letter Writer: _____

Relationship to Student: _____