



LAFAYETTE JUNIOR LEADERSHIP
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE OF ACADIANA

Lafayette Junior Leadership XXVII

2017-18 Confidential Application

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ABOUT

Lafayette Junior Leadership is designed to educate, inspire, and retain future leaders for our community. Students enrolled in private, public, or home-school in Lafayette Parish are eligible to apply for the program.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Submit your completed application **by 5:00 pm Friday, April 7, 2017**. It is preferred that applications are submitted via email to info@leadershipacadiana.org. Please include *Lafayette Junior Leadership Application* and *your full name* in the subject line of the email.

If you need the option of turning in a physical application, please contact us at info@leadershipacadiana.org.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Student's Email: _____

All communications during the program year will be send to this email account.

Guardian's Email: _____

Preferred Name/Nickname: _____ Gender: _____ Race: _____

Birthplace: _____ Birthdate: _____

Guardians' names: _____

SCHOOL

Name of Current High School: _____

Other High Schools Attended: _____

Main Area of Interest in Studies: _____

Organizations/Activities: List in order of importance to you, your school, volunteer, religious, sports, or other activities or organizations in which you have participated during the last four years.

Organization/Activity	Year	Position Held	Hours of commitment per month

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

If you are hand writing your application, please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

- A. In what civic/church/community activities do you participate outside of school?
- B. What do you consider your most important achievement thus far?
- C. Please list any recognitions, special awards or honors for community, school, church, or academic activities you have received.

WORK

- A. List any work experience, paid or volunteer, and briefly discuss what it involved.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- A. Share why you want to participate in the Lafayette Junior Leadership program.
- B. Lafayette Junior Leadership requires a significant time commitment in that it requires you to miss one school day per month, excused. This may often require a student to make up work or take tests in advance or miss extracurricular activities. How do you plan to make this program a priority amongst your other academic, extra-curricular, and personal commitments?
- C. Briefly discuss three current significant problems facing Lafayette Parish today.
- D. Briefly discuss a solution to at least one of the problems you listed in C above.
- E. Name three of the most notable and meaningful opportunities that you believe Lafayette has to offer.
- F. Briefly discuss two important problems facing teenagers in today's society?
- G. What are your long-range goals? What role do you see for yourself in seven years (whether in school, business, politics, community, family)?



COMMITMENT AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

TIME COMMITMENT

Lafayette Junior Leadership is designed for individuals who possess leadership qualities. Requirements of this program demand a strict time commitment. With the honor and privilege of being selected into the program comes the responsibility to be on time and participate wholeheartedly. Attendance is expected and required at all events listed below.

- **Evening Orientation** – Thursday, May 11, 2017
 - **One parent/guardian is required to attend the orientation.**
- **Full Day Opening Retreat** – Saturday, August 12, 2017
 - **The opening retreat is mandatory.** Failure to attend the opening retreat in full will disqualify a member from the class.
- **Eight (8) Full Day Sessions** –
 - Wednesday, September 13, 2017
 - Wednesday, October 4, 2017
 - Wednesday, November 1, 2017
 - Wednesday, December 6, 2017
 - Wednesday, January 10, 2018
 - Wednesday, February 7, 2018
 - Wednesday, March 7, 2018
 - Wednesday, April 11, 2018
- **Evening Graduation** – Wednesday, May 2, 2018

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE POLICY

Class members must attend all sessions to graduate from the program. The consequences of missing a session could include dismissal from the program. If a student is unable to arrive at the session on time, must be absent for a portion or an entire day, it is the responsibility of **the student** to contact the director regarding the absence or tardiness prior to the session. Tardiness and absences must be reported by email to the director. Communications received from anyone other than the student will not be accepted as an approved form of an excuse. Excused absences will be considered on a case-by-case basis evaluated by the Lafayette Junior Leadership Chair(s) and/or Director.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Any disciplinary issues or inappropriate behavior (disrespect to fellow classmates or presenters, prohibited use of communication devices, excessive tardiness, absenteeism, misrepresentation of program values, etc.) during the program period will be addressed with the student by the Lafayette Junior Leadership Chair(s) and/or Director and reported accordingly. Subsequent issues can result in dismissal by the Leadership Institute of Acadiana Executive Committee. The candidate may be removed, without reimbursement, from the program.

Respectful interaction with presenters and invited guests is an essential part of the Leadership experience. Therefore, there is a strict no cell phone policy during class time. Class members may use their cell phones and other communication devices during breaks and other designated times to be determined by day chairs, etc.

Dress Code: Students are encouraged to dress business casual for all sessions unless otherwise instructed. Shorts are not allowed. When considering dresses or skirts, please adhere to your school's dress code on length. Comfortable shoes, with low or flat heels, are preferred.

TUITION

Tuition for the program is \$200.00 per participant. **Tuition is due upon acceptance into the program. Scholarship applications are available** and will be considered for students in need of financial assistance.

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Student:

I understand the purpose of Lafayette Junior Leadership and if selected, will devote the necessary time and participation commitment to complete the program. I realize that if I cannot fulfill the attendance requirement and student expectations listed on the application, I will not be able to graduate from the program.

Student's Signature

Date

As parent/guardian of the applicant I (we) approve of my (our) student's participation and commitment to Lafayette Junior Leadership. I understand that the attendance requirement and expectations of my student's behavior. If my student does not fulfill these requirements, they may not be able to graduate from the program.

Parent or Guardian signature

Date

School Commitment:

This student, _____, has approval from this school to participate in Lafayette Junior Leadership Program for all dates listed above.

Authorized Signature/Title

Date



REFERENCES

Two references are required. Please give one reference form to your high school principal or counselor. Have the second reference form completed by any adult who knows the student well, other than a parent or relative. Example: a teacher, scout leader, church youth leader, etc.

It is the student's responsibility to insure both reference forms are delivered on time. **Application and references are due by 5:00 pm Friday, April 7, 2017.**

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1. Name of Principal or Counselor: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

2. Second Reference: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

REFERENCES

Student's Name: _____
Last First Middle

School: _____

To the Reference: The student named above is an applicant of Lafayette Junior Leadership. The Selection Committee assigns considerable weight to the statements made by the references of the applicant. The committee is aware of the time necessary to prepare such an assessment and gratefully acknowledges your help. Please submit via e-mail by **5:00 pm Friday, April 7, 2017** to info@leadershipacadiana.org. Please include *Lafayette Junior Leadership Reference* and the *full name of the student* in the subject line of the email.

Your Name: _____

School/Firm/Organization: _____ Position/Title: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

A. For how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

B. What do you consider the applicant's primary talents and strengths? _____

C. What do you consider his/her chief weaknesses? _____

D. Please use the scale below to compare the applicant with other high school sophomores you have known.

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Dependability				
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