



2018 Junior Leadership Program Application Packet

A program of the Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce

Aware that the early development of leadership skills is essential to improve the quality of life for all City of Oxford and Lafayette County residents, the Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce began this program in 1998. Through Junior Leadership, an attempt is made to identify young leaders in the Oxford and Lafayette County area, motivate them and assist them in sharpening their leadership skills, in the hopes that they will exert a strong positive influence on the future of Oxford and Lafayette County. The participants will work together in a program that combines NINE group study sessions with actual community projects that require them to use and develop leadership skills. Training sessions include leadership, team building, medicine, education, legal field and law enforcement, government, careers, and the arts, among other topics.

The program is restricted to **10th grade students only**, in the Oxford-Lafayette County area. Acceptance is based on completion of the required forms and documents by the assigned **deadline of January 12, 2018** and the **payment of \$50 tuition fee**. This fee covers the cost of food at each session, transportation, a program t-shirt, and graduation costs. *Preference will be given to applicants who, in addition to their potential for leadership, would contribute to the overall diversity and strength of the class and have available time to commit to the program. Program participation is limited to 25.*

Required application forms include:

- ✓ Application
- ✓ Parental Consent/Consent for Medical Treatment
- ✓ Code of Conduct
- ✓ Letter of Recommendation

*Please attach **ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION** from a non-family member (examples include a teacher, counselor, principal, coach, youth pastor, etc.) Ask them to **NOTE** their relationship to you in the letter.*

Graduation requirements are based three criteria:

- 1) participation of each applicant in the community project.
- 2) attendance (Participants may not miss **more than one session**. The itinerary is included so applicants have a chance to plan for session dates before submitting the application form.)
- 3) ability to abide by the behaviors set out in the Junior Leadership Code of Conduct.

*With questions about the program, please call the Chamber of Commerce at 662-234-4651. The Chamber offers sponsorships for applicants in need of financial assistance. Please contact the Chamber for more information. All **completed** application forms and tuition should be dropped off in your counselor's office, at the Chamber of Commerce (299 West Jackson Avenue), emailed to pam@oxfordms.com or mailed to: Junior Leadership, Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 147, Oxford, MS 38655*

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Application for Admission

A focused leadership skills program for high school sophomores

I. Personal Data (please type or print CLEARLY)

Name of applicant _____ Preferred name _____
Home address _____ City, Zip _____
Home phone _____ Cell phone _____
Date of birth _____ School attending _____
Gender _____ M _____ F T-shirt size _____
E-mail address _____
Second Email to receive notifications _____
Parent's name(s) _____
Parent's cell/work phone numbers _____
Emergency contact & number _____

II. Activities

Honors and Awards _____

Extracurricular Activities (Clubs, Offices held, etc) _____

Sports _____

Community and Religious Activities _____

III. General Information

What do you plan to do when you graduate from high school? _____

Why do you want to be a part of Junior Leadership? _____

IV. Commitment

By submitting an application to the program, the applicant is indicating his/her willingness and ability to attend all sessions and to actively participate with other members in the field of projects. Participants may miss no more than one (1) session or they will be asked to withdraw from the program. Tuition fees will not be returned in a case where the participant is asked to leave. I have read the information on this application and if selected as a participant, I will commit the time and effort to the total training program.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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Parental Permission and Liability Waiver

Parental Permission

I, the undersigned parent/guardian of _____, have read the information on **Junior Leadership** and am willing to have my child participate. **Junior Leadership** and its agents have my full permission and consent to transport and otherwise provide transportation for my child by public service bus, private automobile, vans or other appropriate means of transportation in connection with all sessions of **Junior Leadership** during the school year in which he/she is a participant and remove all liability from the **Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce**.

I understand the **Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce**, **EDF**, or any of its affiliates and/or agents will not be held responsible for any of the intentional or negligent acts arising from any persons associated with the Junior Leadership program. The parent/child participating in the Junior Leadership program agrees to hold the Oxford/Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, EDF, and its associates or agents harmless and indemnify them against any losses or lawsuits arising from the acts of their children while participating in the program.

Consent to Medical Treatment

I hereby give permission to any hospital or medical center staff member or physician to administer whatever medical emergency treatment may be required by my child should he/she be injured or become sick during any **Junior Leadership** program activity.

I hereby release and hold harmless **Junior Leadership** and the **Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce**, its' officers and representatives involved in planning, organizing or presenting of **Junior Leadership** programming for any accident, injury, illness or damage in **Junior Leadership** program activities.

Parent/Guardian: _____
Please print

Parent/Guardian: _____
Signature

Date: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Care Physician: _____ Phone: _____

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Code of Conduct Commitment

Code of Conduct

Each participant in the **Junior Leadership** is an exceptional young person. Therefore, expectations are high for each session throughout the year. To make sure that there is no misunderstanding about expected standards of conduct, you should be aware of several factors:

Your parents and/or guardians are responsible for your conduct while participating in Oxford-Lafayette Junior Leadership. All participants are expected to abide by the following standards:

1. To participate in all activities as scheduled. Missing more than one session will disqualify the participant from graduation.
2. To be on time for each session, remain until the session is ended and agree to leave the facilities at scheduled times only.
3. To utilize only transportation and facilities as assigned by **Oxford-Lafayette Junior Leadership** during each session.
4. To conduct yourself and dress in a manner appropriate to meet **Oxford-Lafayette Junior Leadership** standards and follow a code of ethical behavior at all times during the program.
5. To refrain from having any friends or family visit during program class sessions. *All cell phones should be turned off during sessions. No text messaging will be allowed during sessions.*
6. To abstain from the use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs.

I have read and agree to abide by the above standards of conduct and understand that if I miss more than one session, I will forfeit my tuition and eligibility to graduate.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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2018 Junior Leadership Schedule

All sessions are scheduled for Monday afternoons.

All session locations are subject to change.

Reminders of locations and details will be sent each week.

Application Deadline **January 12, 2018**

Class members will be contacted about their acceptance into the program by January 17, 2018

Jr. Leadership Kick Off **Welcome Meeting for Parents & Participants**

Date: January 22, 2018

Time: 5:30-6 p.m.

Location: Oxford Conference Center, 102 Ed Perry Blvd.

Session I **Leadership**

Date: January 29, 2018

Time: 4:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Location: Chamber of Commerce, 299 Jackson Avenue West

Session II **Team Building**

Date: February 5, 2018

Time: 4:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Session III **The Arts**

Date: February 12, 2018

Time: 4:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Session IV **University**

Date: February 26, 2018

Time: 4:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Session V **Law Enforcement/Legal Community**

Date: March 5, 2018

Time: 4:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Session VI **Government Leaders**

Date: March 19, 2018

Time: 4:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Project 1 **Blood Drive**

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018

Session VII **Medical Community**

Date: March 26, 2018

Time: 4:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Session VIII **Career Development**

Date: April 9, 2018

Time: 4:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Graduation **Graduation Dinner for Participants & Parents**

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Time: 6-7:30 p.m.

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