



JUNIOR
LEADERSHIP
HILTON HEAD BLUFFTON

2017-2018 Application

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Hilton Head-Bluffton Junior Leadership program has been sponsored by The Hilton Head-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce since 2000. It is currently guided by a Board of Trustees and student advisors from the previous class. The mission of the program is to develop leaders for the schools that students currently attend in the Hilton Head/ Bluffton Cluster and for the community at large. Local students who are enrolled in a High School program are eligible for this program.

To qualify for the program, a student must be **currently** enrolled as a sophomore and have a minimum GPA of 2.5 or equivalent. (In other words, the student must be classified as a HS **Junior** come September, 2016.) Additionally the applicant's parents and school administrator must sign off on the application. Three personal references must be submitted by the application deadline of **Friday, April 21st, 2016 at 5pm.** Following the application process, qualified sophomores will be interviewed and selections made by the end of May, 2017. The classes will begin August 2017 and run through the academic school year.

The program demands dedication and a \$100 program fee upon acceptance which is to be paid by Orientation in August. If you are not able to meet fee requirement please let one of the program leaders know.

EXPECTATIONS

- August Orientation is a mandatory evening event for parents and students. (Date, Location TBA)
- September and April are mandatory attendance class days.
- October-March class days are optional with only TWO absences allowed.
- Active participation in the Class Project discussion and event(s).
- Completion of Community Activity Enrichment (CEA) requirements

PROGRAM GOALS

To encourage students to recognize their own potential and develop their leadership skills.

To develop a committed cadre of young leaders who will be challenged to apply their new leadership skills through interactions with community leaders, decision makers, and peers from other schools.

To create an environment that nurtures potential young leaders to participate in school/community service and volunteerism.

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Class Day Descriptions

CLASS ORIENTATION: (Mandatory, August 2017) The objectives of the Orientation Class are to introduce the class to each other, class members' parents and the members of the Board of Trustees, introduce all elements of the program, set standards to be upheld during the program, and begin team building with an eye toward future elements. *This is an evening event for the students and their parents.*

TEAM BUILDING: (Mandatory, September 2017) The objective of the Team Building class is to challenge class members to work together through a set of confidence exercises. Class members are given significant time to work together to select and begin to develop the Class Project. Class members also participate in team building exercises to bring them closer together.

LEADERSHIP: The objectives of the Community Class are to educate and understand the Lowcountry and the issues and the challenges of the community through different community organizations.

EDUCATION AND COLLEGE: The objectives of the Education and College Class are to introduce college and career options after high school, as well as encourage successful test taking skills on college entrance exams. This class also introduces the students to scholarship and college funding options. Members of the previous year's class are often speakers to discuss their college selection/application process and test-taking tips.

COMMUNICATION AND ETIQUETTE: The objectives of the Communication and Etiquette class day are to learn how to better communicate with our peers and advisors. Interviewing, social media and day to day etiquette and communication will also be focused on throughout the day.

SUCCESSFUL LIVING: The objectives of the Successful Living Class day are to educate everyone on the benefits of having well rounded life, from physical, emotional and social living. Organizational, financial and stress management skills will also be focused on as well how to stay motivated.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. Civic engagement involves "working to make a difference in the civic life of one's community and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make that difference. It means promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and non-political processes" This class also introduces students to the legal system and laws that affect their daily lives, suggesting good decision making and consequences

LOCAL HISTORY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT: The objectives of the Local History, Culture and Environment are to better understand our fragile environment, to recognize the stewardship that contributes to the unique quality of life in our region, and to more fully recognize our need to preserve and protect this environment. To more fully understand and appreciate the breadth and depth of our arts and cultural community.

LEADERSHIP CARNIVAL / TEEN TRUSTEESHIP: **MANDATORY** The objectives of the Leadership Carnival and Teen Trusteeship is to develop a sense of stewardship for the community and its resources as a living trust to be enhanced for the future; participant will identify organizational and individual opportunities for community involvement in an effort to work for the common good as a trustee for community enrichment.

Note: Elements of leadership skills training will be implemented into each class. Students will learn to summarize what they have learned, communicate that summary to others and apply critical thinking to analyze and improve what they have experienced.



Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Junior Leadership

Tentative 2017-2018 Class Calendar

April 21, 2017	Applications and letters of reference due from candidates
August 2017	Orientation with students and parents (Mandatory attendance)
September 2017	Team Building (Mandatory attendance)
October 2017	Leadership
November 2017	Education and College
December 2017	Communication and Etiquette
January 2018	Healthy Lifestyles – Health, Finance, Life Balance
February 2018	Civic Engagement – Political and Community Involvement
March 2018	Local History, Culture and Environment
April 2018	Leadership Carnival & Trusteeship (Mandatory attendance)
May 2018	Graduation

- Attendance is mandatory in August, September and April.

Specific dates will be announced as soon as all school calendars are available to coordinate appropriate dates for class.



(Please print clearly)

Personal Information

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

Name you prefer to be called (Nickname) _____ Age _____ M _____ F _____

School _____ Current Grade level _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address (please print) _____

City _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____

Email (please print clearly) _____

Attendance

Full attendance by each participant is essential if the Junior Leadership of Hilton Head-Bluffton is to meet its objectives. School attendance credit will be granted for each session attended. If the student violates the school rules and it results in a suspension, then the student will be immediately dismissed from the Junior Leadership program immediately. *Participants who do not graduate from the class will not receive credit for school days missed.* Other incidents that may occur during the school year in which disciplinary actions are taken will be reviewed by the Junior Leadership Board and immediate dismissal may be recommended.

Waiver

In consideration of your accepting me/my child's registration, I hereby for myself, my child, my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I or my child may have against the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Junior Leadership Program, including all representatives who are in any way connected with this event/program. Further, in the event of any injury, I do hereby give my permission and consent to authorize such First Aid and/or Medical and/or Hospital care or treatment as deemed appropriate. In addition, I am fully aware of the provisions covered by the fee for this event/trip/program and I understand that if any emergency arises, any and all additional expenses incurred must be borne or assumed by the participant. The Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Junior Leadership Program has my permission to take photographs of my child or myself while participating in any Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Junior Leadership programs, special events and activities. I understand that these photographs may be used for the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Junior Leadership program advertising through and not limited to brochures, flyers or newspaper articles. I have full and complete legal authority to sign on behalf of myself and child(ren).

I give my permission for my child _____ to participate in the 2017-2018 Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Junior Leadership Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Printed name:** _____ **Date:** _____

Parent's Email: _____ Phone number: _____

School Representative

_____ has met the academic requirements and standards set forth by the Junior Leadership program and is granted permission to participate in the 2017-2018 program.

This student has never been suspended or expelled, that I know of. _____ (Initial)

School Administrator Signature: _____ **Printed name:** _____

Title: _____ **School:** _____

Applicant's GPA: _____ Note: **Must be at least 2.5 or equivalent**

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References:

Please give the attached Reference Form to any *three* adults who have known you for more than one year, other than a parent or relative. **Only one reference will be accepted from a school representative. (The three references should be returned directly to you in a sealed envelope to be included with your completed application).**

Name of Reference _____

Position/Title _____

Place of employment _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

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Extra-Curricular Activities:

Please answer each question in the space provided. (No attachments)

Please list in order of importance to you any school, employment, volunteer, religious, social, athletic or other activities/organizations in which you have participated *within the past 2 years*. Also, include your length of involvement in each activity.

Select one activity/organization listed above and briefly explain how your participation has been a benefit to you and the organization.

Recognition:

Please list any forms of recognition you have received for school or community-related activities and any leadership positions or offices you have held *in the past two years*.

Personal Thoughts and Views:

Please attach your statement to the application. **In no more than 250 words each, please address two (2) of the following topics:** (This section accounts for ¼ of your application process)

- 1. Why do you want to participate in the 2017-2018 Leadership class?
- 2. What qualities would you bring to your class, if accepted?
- 3. What leadership trait do you feel you need to develop? Why?
- 4. What does being a leader mean to you?
- 5. If you could meet **two** famous people who have inspired you to be a leader, who would it be and why?

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Applications should be delivered to the Chamber Headquarters:
1 Chamber of Commerce Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Or, mailed applications must be received in the Chamber's P.O. Box by April 21th
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 5647, Hilton Head Island, SC 29938

Questions? Call 843-341-8373



Reference Form #1

You have been asked to prepare a letter of reference by an applicant for the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Junior Leadership Program. Please explain why you believe this applicant is a good candidate for the Program.

Please return the reference to the applicant in a sealed envelope.

Thank you.

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