



Mission:

The purpose of Youth Leadership Wake Forest is to conduct an annual training program for high school students who have demonstrated some leadership abilities which will in turn develop a group of informed, committed and competent youth motivated to learn more about our community, to assume leadership roles in our schools, and to become more involved in our civic, cultural, economic development, and philanthropic organizations and groups. Youth Leadership Wake Forest is a program sponsored by the Wake Forest Chamber Foundation for Common Progress. All funding for this program comes from grants, sponsorships and individual donations. Students participate for free. We are thankful to Concord Hospitality Enterprises 2016-2017 corporate partners of this organization.

Goals: The goal of our youth program is that every young leader in Wake Forest will be able to:

- Develop stronger leadership skills through a robust curriculum taught by skilled facilitators
- Gain an awareness of the need for community service, civic participation, and philanthropy
- Increase familiarity with areas in Wake Forest beyond their immediate neighborhood and school
- Interact with adult leaders in business, non-profits and public sectors
- Acquire a network of adult and youth leaders in Wake Forest, which can form an excellent basis for their success in the work and college world

Qualifications:

All applicants must

- Attend **Wake Forest High School, Heritage High School, Wakefield High School or Franklin Academy**
- Be a rising sophomore or junior
- Have a minimum of a 2.0 (or C) grade point average
- Complete a Youth Leadership Wake Forest Application and interview with a panel
- Provide at least three references: (2) from school and (1) community member. **Two** references must be from a classroom teacher, and the other references may be from a coach, principal, pastor, work boss, community member, and/or **Youth Leadership Graduate**.

******Also open to students who don't attend the above schools if they qualify in the following way**

1. **Are homeschooled and have a 27587 home address**
2. **Attend another High School but have a 27587 home address**
3. **Attend a private school and have a 27587 home address**
4. **Attend another charter school but have a 27587 home address**
5. **Applicants that qualify based on either of the above criteria and are accepted will have to provide their own transportation to each Leadership Event.**

Application Process:

Participation in Youth Leadership Wake Forest is open to all **rising sophomores and rising juniors** for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year who attend high school in the Wake Forest Area or qualify based on the above criteria (**In Bold**). Applicants must be in good academic standing and have no attendance or disciplinary problems at their school. The Selection Committee reviews all applications and chooses a diverse class of motivated students who express concern about



improving the community and the potential leadership ability to contribute to the betterment of Wake Forest. **A maximum class size of 30 students is accepted into the program.**

Applications will begin being accepted on January 17 and the deadline for all applications will be February 24 at 5:00 p.m. All Applications should be turned into the Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce (350 S. White Street Wake Forest, NC 27587). Completed applications can be filled out electronically and sent via email to corey@wakeforestchamber.org Applications can also be hand delivered to the Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce 350 S. White Street Wake Forest, NC 27587 or mailed. All References should be signed, sealed, and have the name of the applicant and the school they attend on it. References can be either hand delivered or mailed to the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce (350 S. White Street Wake Forest, NC 27587). ***References can also be filled out and emailed to corey@wakeforestchamber.org **If emailed please provide Student Name and School in Subject Line.**

Interview Process: Students will be selected for an interview based on evaluation from the selection panel. The interview dates for all applicants is **Saturday April 1 or Saturday April 22** at the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce (350 S. White Street Wake Forest, NC 27587). If for some reason an applicant can't make this interview date chosen the selection panel will try to work around their schedule. It is highly encouraged to have the interviews on these two dates as it works best with the selection process and the panel's schedule. Those chosen to be interviewed will be notified by **March 24** so they have time to prepare for the interview.

Community Involvement:

Participating in Youth Leadership Wake Forest provides an opportunity for students to connect to many civic and volunteer organizations that work to better our neighborhoods, improve the lives of (Through Youth Leadership Wake Forest the change in you can spark the change needed throughout the entire community.

Training is hands-on, experiential learning. Daily sessions focus on professionalism, culture competency and commitment, mentoring, facilitation, and philanthropy. Participants are also given the opportunity to job shadow a leader in the Wake Forest community in a field related to their interests for their future career. Sessions include orientation, team building, government, the history of Wake Forest, Economic Development and Leadership for the future.

STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

Personal Data:

School Name: _____

Name _____

	Last	Middle	First	Preferred Name
Current Grade Level	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th

Home Address _____



Home Phone _____ Student Cell Phone _____

Student Email address _____

Parent / Guardian Data:

Name (Mr./Mrs./Ms.) _____

Parent Email _____

Phone (Father's daytime) _____ Phone (Mother's daytime) _____

Phone (Father's cell phone #) _____ Phone (Mother's Cell phone #) _____

Emergency Contact information (Name) _____

Work Phone _____ Cell phone: _____

Personal Data: (Be sure to list something under each area.) If you need additional room see page page 6.

School Activities:

Community Activities:



Personal Accomplishments:

Please respond to the following questions by sharing your own ideas and opinions.

1. What do you feel are the three most significant problems facing Wake Forest today?

2. What do you feel needs to be done about one of these issues?



3. What do you hope to gain from your participation in Wake Forest Youth Leadership?

4. Please share one of your personal goals. Explain why this goal is important to you as an individual.



Additional Comments from Applicant (**This is not required. Use this space for additional comments from the above questions if you run out of room**).



PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN

I understand the purpose of the Wake Forest Youth Leadership program and if selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. Even though emergencies do arise, I will make every effort possible to attend all sessions. If accepted into the Wake Forest Youth Leadership program, I understand that a sponsor, grant, or charitable donations will be acquired to fund these sessions. These funds will support all meals, speakers, materials, graduation, and administrative fees. These funds allow this experience to be free of charge for youth participants. Therefore, the Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce expects my full participation.

This is a county approved program and participation in the activities will not count as an absence.

I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.

Applicant's Signature_____

Date_____

This applicant has my approval and full support, which includes the time required to participate in the program. Time needed to apply leadership skills through a community service project. As the parent, acknowledge that all photos taken of the group or individually are the sole property of the Wake Forest Chamber Foundation for Common Progress and allow use of said photos in marketing materials, website and social media sites used to promote Youth Leadership Wake Forest.

Parent/Guardian Signature_____ **Date**_____

