

Youth Leadership Knoxville is a program that gives area high school students a chance to enhance their knowledge of Knoxville and develop leadership skills that will encourage and motivate them to become involved and committed to their community.

Students from Knox County high schools who will be juniors during the 2017 - 2018 school year are eligible to apply.

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## Selection Process

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The YLK Selection Committee will select 35-40 participants for the program based on the candidate's application and references. **The Selection Committee may or may not be unaware of the identity of the candidates.** Participants will be notified of acceptance in April 2017. An orientation session will be held in June for all participants and their parents or guardians. Tuition is not due before acceptance, but is due upon acceptance to hold a student's spot in the class.

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## How to apply

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1. The student must complete pages 2-5 of the application.  
\*If your application is not complete, your application may not be considered.
2. The student must sign their name at the bottom of page 4.
3. Complete the essays to your application. It is OK to type as an attachment.
4. Request that your references complete the forms (pages 6 and 7) and send them directly to Daryl Brady at: [dbrady@leadknox.com](mailto:dbrady@leadknox.com) in PDF format with the student's name followed by either "educator reference.pdf" or "community reference.pdf". Example: SallySmithEducatorReference.pdf or SallySmithCommunityReference.pdf
5. Request that your high school principal complete the permission form (page 8) and send it directly to Leadership Knoxville in PDF format to [dbrady@leadknox.com](mailto:dbrady@leadknox.com).
6. If needed, complete the scholarship application, which can be downloaded at [www.leadershipknoxville.com/youthleadership/application](http://www.leadershipknoxville.com/youthleadership/application) or notify the YLK Program Director.

Click on the YLK link and then on the Application and Tuition tab. This form will not be part of the application reviewed by the Selection Committee.

To have a form emailed to you, please email Daryl Brady at [dbrady@leadknox.com](mailto:dbrady@leadknox.com)

7. Applications must be submitted by **Friday, March 24, 2017 at 12 noon.**

**E-mail the application packet to:**

[dbrady@leadknox.com](mailto:dbrady@leadknox.com)

**Deliver to your school representative:**

School: \_\_\_\_\_

YLK School Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Daryl Brady at (865) 368-9643 or email at [dbrady@leadknox.com](mailto:dbrady@leadknox.com).



### **Parent/Guardian Permission**

If accepted, my son/daughter has permission to participate in this program. I understand that this includes a week long summer session from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the week of July 10 – July 14, 2017, and the following program days:

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Tuesday, June 13, 2017	6 - 8 p.m.	Orientation (with parents) (mandatory)
M-F, July 10-14, 2017	9 a.m - 5 p.m.	Summer sessions (Monday mandatory)
Saturday, August 5, 2017	8 a.m. - 12 Noon	Community Service Project
Monday, September 25, 2017	4 – 7:30 p.m.	County Commission
Monday, October 24, 2017	4 - 7 :30 p.m.	City Council
Tuesday, November 14, 2017	4:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Preparing for College
Monday, December 5, 2017	5:30 - 8 p.m.	Leadership Insights
Monday, January 15, 2018	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Diversity: Blended Community
Monday, February 19, 2018	5 - 7:30 p.m.	Session TBA
Thursday, March 22, 2018	5 – 7:30 p.m.	Entrepreneurship & Technology
Tuesday, April 24, 2018	6 - 8 p.m.	Closing Celebration/Graduation

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- I understand, that in order to graduate, my son/daughter must be present for 4 of the 5 summer session days (Monday is mandatory) and six of the nine sessions.
- I also grant my permission for my son/daughter’s photo to be used on the Leadership Knoxville website, the Knoxville News Sentinel, and marketing related materials or social media.

### **Tuition and Financial Assistance**

If selected, my son/daughter will be billed for the non-refundable tuition of \$150, which is payable in full by:

#### **Friday, May 5, 2017 or the Invoice Date**

Youth Leadership Knoxville has financial assistance available for individuals who demonstrate a need. If my son/daughter requires financial assistance to participate in the program, I understand that he/she must include a separate short statement indicating why he/she needs financial assistance. The Selection Committee will not be made aware of his or her financial status. We do however ask that you make a personal commitment in either monetary or service hours with Leadership Knoxville.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of parent/guardian (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Student Agreement

I certify that the answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I am a high school student who will be in the 11th grade in the upcoming/next academic year, who attends school in Knox County, Tennessee.

### Attendance

- If selected, I commit to attending the summer session, six of the nine sessions and the graduation. I understand that I will be billed for the tuition of \$150. Full attendance by each participant is essential for Youth Leadership Knoxville graduation. The session dates are listed below and posted on the Leadership Knoxville website.

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### Photograph Release

- I also give my permission for my photograph to be used on the Leadership Knoxville website, the Knoxville News Sentinel, and marketing related materials or social media.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of applicant (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please respond to the following questions and attach your completed essay to your application. Be sure to type your response, using no less than 10 point type. This essay will be an important part of the selection process.



Application

Class of 2018

Due by: Friday, March 24, 2017

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**A. Leadership**

Describe what it takes to be a leader and provide an example of when you demonstrated one or more of these skills. (Maximum 500 words or less double spaced).

**B. Perseverance**

Every obstacle we face in life comes with an opportunity to learn something new. Describe a challenge that you have faced, how you persevered and what you learned from the experience. (Maximum 500 words or less, double spaced).

**C. Future**

What do you desire to gain from being in the Youth Leadership Program? (Maximum 500 words or less, double spaced).





## Community Reference - Reference form 2

### Part I: To be completed by Student

- I understand that the information provided by the reference may be kept confidential and may not be divulged to me.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                            First  MI  Last

School: \_\_\_\_\_

### Part II: To be completed by Community Reference

The above student is an applicant for Youth Leadership. The program is designed to enhance knowledge of Knoxville and develop leadership skills in a diverse group of area high school students that empower and motivate them to become involved and committed to their community. The sessions feature a combination of speakers, small group experiences, tours and a community service project.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                            First  MI  Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What do you consider to be the applicant's primary talents or strengths? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Why is this opportunity important for the student? \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form by **Friday, March 24, 2017** to Daryl Brady at [dbrady@leadknox.com](mailto:dbrady@leadknox.com) in PDF format using the following as an example: SallySmithCommunityReference.pdf



Class of 2018

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## Principal Permission Form

All applicants must have approval from their current school principal to attend the sessions of Youth Leadership Knoxville. Please have your principal sign below:

I approve of the participation of \_\_\_\_\_ (insert student name) as a participant in the Youth Leadership Program of Leadership Knoxville. This student is in good standing academically and is a person of good character. They will be a junior during the 2016-2017 academic year.

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Principal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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