

## **LEADERSHIP CAYUGA FOR YOUTH**

Since 1993, 80 Cayuga County high school juniors and seniors, identified as promising leaders, have completed the Leadership Cayuga program. With this solid foundation, they have gone on to fulfill leadership roles in their colleges, workplaces and their local communities.

### **Goals**

- To increase participant's knowledge of the total community
- To learn about the structure and process of local government
- To engage youth in community problem-solving
- To build liaisons between present and future community leaders

### **Benefits**

- Better understanding of the complexity of community issues
- Opportunities to voice concerns in an environment where their input is valued
- Contact with local officials
- Inclusion in a network of concerned citizens
- Development of leadership skills
- Participatory experience with class colleagues and community adults

### **Requirements**

Students in the program will be expected to complete the following requirements:

- A. Students must identify a teacher/guidance counselor who is willing to act as a sponsor. The sponsor refers the student for acceptance into the program, may serve as liaison with teachers on the student's behalf, if necessary, and encourages the student by helping to anticipate and resolve barriers to the student's involvement.
- B. The time commitment for class participation is approximately 75 hours from September to June. The program consists of an orientation retreat, one 8 hour session day each month, project presentation (approximately 3 hours) and graduation ceremony in early June.
- C. **Participants are expected to attend ALL sessions**, including Orientation, Project Presentations and Graduation. Absences will be addressed on a case by case basis. Participants who do not fulfill their obligations may not be permitted to graduate.
- D. Class members are expected to complete Scavenger Hunt activities and participate in a group project with other class members. (Work is done outside of our class time.)
- E. Tuition for Leadership Cayuga is \$1,200. Tuition sponsorship for a minimum of half of the full cost (more if funds are available) will be sought from community sponsors for youth participants. If either tuition sponsor or school district is a chamber member, there will be a \$100 discount. *Additional \$100 discount if application is submitted on or before August 15, 2019.*



Applications must be completed in full and signed by the student and parent or guardian. Please complete this cover sheet and distribute the three reference forms as directed.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Class: Senior \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**1.** Please list activities/organizations/sports you have participated in during your years in high school.

Organization/Activity	Title/Responsibility	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**2.** Current Outside Employment      Employer's Name      Number of Hrs/Wk

\_\_\_\_\_

**3.** Additional activities in which you will be involved in during the 2019-20 school year:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**4.** Please prepare a brief narrative on separate paper that responds to the following:

- A. Why are you interested in being involved in this program?
- B. What are your strongest qualities?
- C. What are your educational/career/personal goals? Tell us where you are going and what you want to do.
- D. What do you think are today's important issues on the local level? (You may discuss with others.)
- E. Comment on your extracurricular activities. Why were they chosen? Why are they important to you? What do you give/get from participating? How do you manage your time with schoolwork and activities?



Reference forms were given to (please print):

Name	Title/School	Telephone
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		

Please note: Credit for independent study *may* be available through your high school. You should contact your principal to find out whether this is possible.

**COMMITMENT:**

In order to achieve the objectives of the youth component of Leadership Cayuga, full attendance and participation are essential.

“Participants are expected to attend all sessions, including Orientation, Project Presentations and Graduation. Absences will be addressed on a case by case basis. Participants who do not fulfill their obligations may not be permitted to graduate.”

*If chosen for Cayuga Leadership, I will abide by the attendance requirements and participate in the program activities to the best of my ability.*

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Leadership spaces are limited. Names should be submitted by Friday, August 3rd, even if some paperwork is pending. All applications are held in confidence.

Please send electronically, or by mail, completed application and answers to narrative questions to:

**Leadership Cayuga, 2 State St., Auburn, NY 13021**  
**Email: leadership@cayugacountychamber.com**

**Leadership Cayuga \* 2 State Street, Auburn, NY 13021**  
**Phone: 315.252.7291 \* Fax: 315.255.3077 \*Email leadership@cayugacountychamber.com**



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## Leadership Cayuga for Youth Reference

**(Directions to student:** Please fill in your name and give this form to a teacher or counselor at your school. Ask him or her to complete it and submit it to Leadership Cayuga.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **has applied for Leadership Cayuga Class of 2020.** Over the last 27 years, 80 Cayuga County high school juniors and seniors, identified as promising leaders, have completed the Leadership Cayuga program. With this solid foundation, they have gone on to fulfill leadership roles in their colleges, workplaces and their local communities.

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- G. The time commitment for class participation is approximately 75 hours from September to June. The program consists of an orientation retreat, one full session day each month including a project presentation in May and graduation ceremony in early June.
- H. **Participants are expected to attend all sessions**, with a maximum excused absence of 16 hours allowed (excluding Orientation, Project Presentations and Graduation). Participants who do not fulfill their obligations may not be permitted to graduate.
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Leadership Cayuga Youth Application Reference**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

We appreciate your thoughtful responses. There are a limited number of spaces for youth and we seek diverse representation. Your input will be helpful as we make our selections.

1. How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity?
  
2. What strengths and talents does this applicant possess?
  
3. Comment on the student’s relationship with his/her peers and adults and his/her ability to be a contributing part of a group.

4. Please use this scale to compare this applicant with other students of his or her age:

	Exceptional	Good	Average	Unable to Judge
Responsibility				
Initiative				
Ability to work with others				
Oral communication skills				
Analytical ability				

6. Other comments that may affect our decision or add to the student’s application.

Reference Given by \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 School \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Call 252-7291 with any questions. Please return form in a timely manner to:  
[leadership@cayugacountychamber.com](mailto:leadership@cayugacountychamber.com)  
**Leadership Cayuga, 2 State St. Auburn 13021, or Fax: 255-3077**

Thank you.