



What is Youth L.E.A.D.?

Founded in 2011, Youth L.E.A.D. was birthed from the Leadership Paducah Foundation (LPF) Board of Directors who are alumni of the Leadership Paducah program sponsored by the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce. The LPF Board is comprised of a group of diverse individuals who are committed to providing a forum for current and future leaders to the qualities, attributes and challenges of Paducah/McCracken County. Youth L.E.A.D. is a program designed to develop and prepare students for future community support and leadership roles

The Program:

The Youth L.E.A.D. program targets High School Junior (11th grade) students from throughout Paducah/McCracken County. Each year 25 students are selected from a group of applicants. The program begins with a mandatory orientation retreat conducted by the LPF board which introduces key individual and team development leadership skills. The students will then spend one day a month for 5 months learning about human needs/service learning, communication and career development, business and economy, law and government, and healthcare in McCracken County. Graduation from the program will take place in April of the calendar year at the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce monthly Power in Partnership breakfast.

Program Selection/Attendance

Participation in Youth L.E.A.D. is open to students in Paducah/McCracken County who will be a high school junior in the 2011/2012 school year. Participants MUST have the full support of the school they represent and their parent/legal guardian. Attendance at ALL sessions is mandatory. ONLY one excused absence is allowed and must be accompanied by a letter from the school. Those who do not meet the attendance requirements will not graduate from the program. Each session begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. Drop off and pick-up will be at the Commerce Center at 401 Kentucky Avenue, Paducah, KY.

Tentative Meeting Dates for: 2011/12

Opening Retreat (SportsPlex)	October 12, 2011	(9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)
Human Needs/Service Learning	November 16, 2011	
Communication & Career Development	December 7, 2011	
Business & Economy	January 11, 2012	
Law & Government	February 8, 2012	
Healthcare	March 14, 2012	
Graduation (Convention Center)	April 12, 2012	(7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.)

Tuition

Tuition for the program is \$50. If a student needs financial assistance, there may be scholarships available and students are also encouraged to seek sponsorships for their tuition. Tuition covers all costs for food and class materials.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 9, 2011

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