



Youth Leadership Maury Application: Class of 2026

a program of the Maury County Chamber
& Economic Alliance

DEADLINE:
Applications must be received
on or before
Friday, December 5th, 2025
by 4:00 pm

The program is open to any high school Junior!

Please read and complete **EVERY** section of this form. Missing, incomplete or unreadable information will cause your application to be *rejected or graded down* when reviewed for acceptance. *Neatness and legibility* are factors in the selection process.

(NOTE: Guidance Counselor and Parents Signatures are required)

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print neatly)

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Preferred First Name: _____

Current School: _____

Home Phone: _____ Student Cell: _____

Student's Email address: _____

(Use an email other than school. School emails will block senders from outside of school)

Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Phone/Cell: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone #: _____

****Full attendance and active participation of each participant is *mandatory* to meet the goals and objectives of Youth Leadership Maury. School attendance will be excused for the time required for each session.**

If selected, are you willing to commit your time and be actively engaged to each, and every session as scheduled?

Yes _____ No _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Print Name of
Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Guidance Counselor Signature _____ Date _____

Organizations and Activities:

List any awards, honors, or recommendations for academic, school, or community related activities you have received.

Main area of interest in academics:_____

Please list in order of importance to you (up to five) school, volunteer, religious, social, athletic, or other activities or organizations in which you have participated during the last 4 years.

Organization/Activity	Year(s)	Involvement/Responsibility
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please list any work or volunteer experience:

Do you have a job currently?_____ If yes, how many hours per week?_____

Will your job interfere with your attendance at Youth Leadership Maury? _____

Please list three adjectives or phrases that best describe you:

List 3 adjectives that describe you as a student:

Please list any hobbies, sports, or other interests you may have:

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If you could change one thing about Maury County, what would it be?

What do you hope to gain from your Youth Leadership experience?

Essay Section:

Please attach an essay to this application containing between 300 and 500 words explaining who you are and one topic you believe in strongly. *(Do not use your name, mother/father's name, brother/sister's names or the name of your school in the body of the essay. Please put your name in the top right corner of the essay.)*

Criteria for selection

Your application will be reviewed anonymously by a selection committee. Selection is based on the written essay, prior involvement in other activities, and overall application responses. The essay is more heavily weighted than the other criteria. You will be notified by email and mail of your selection on or before December 22nd.

Application Deadline

The deadline to apply is Friday, December 5th by 4:00 pm. No exceptions will be made for the application deadline. You may deliver your completed application and essay by mail, email, or in person.

Mail:

(Postmarked by 12/3)
Youth Leadership Maury
106 W. 6th Street
Columbia, TN 38401

OR

Email to:

Kara Williams
subject: YLM Application
kwilliams@mauryalliance.com

**please make sure you get a confirmation when submitting by email

In Person:

Maury Alliance / Youth Leadership
Maury
106 West 6th Street
Columbia, TN 38401
931-388-2155

OR

Information and Details: Please keep this page for your reference.

Tuition, Attendance, and Other Information

The tuition for Youth Leadership Maury is \$100. Please do not send money with the application. Tuition may be paid on the first-class day.

Limited Scholarships are available. You may request a scholarship by emailing Kara Williams at kwilliams@mauryalliance.com with a scholarship request and a reason for the request.

Attendance at each session is Mandatory! Your commitment is critical to success. Unless there is an emergency or death in the family, ***missing a program day will result in automatic dismissal from the program.*** Please review the schedule to ensure your full participation is possible.

2026 Program Dates:

(Dates are subject to change to accommodate speakers or field trips)

Thursday, January 22nd, 2026 Opening Retreat Day

Tuesday, February 10th, 2026 Business & Economic Development Day

Thursday, March 12th, 2026 State Government Day (we will leave at 7:00 am on this day)

Tuesday, April 14th, 2026 Government / Tourism / Health

Wednesday, April 29th, 2026 Agriculture / Graduation

- *YLM participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from each session day.*
- *Days usually begin at 8:00 am and end by 3:00 pm.*
- *You will be given an agenda via email and the class app before each class session with exact times and locations.*
- *Unless otherwise stated, any travel required during the session day will be provided.*
- *No student will be allowed to transport him/herself during the field trip portion of any session day.*

Graduation will be at the end of the last class day in April. Parents/Guests are welcome to attend. More details will be provided before graduation.

Questions?

Call Kara Williams at the Maury County Chamber & Economic Alliance, 931-388-2155 or text at 931-619-1429 or email at kwilliams@mauryalliance.com

Thank you for your interest and application for Youth Leadership Maury!