



## YOUTH LEADERSHIP ROBERTSON COUNTY 2015-2016 CLASS

Each year the Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Youth Leadership program where we gather some of our future leaders and show them the different aspects of what makes Robertson County great! They are excused from school one day a month for the following:

1. Orientation
2. Agricultural Industry Day
3. State Government Day (Go to the State Capitol during session and meet our representatives, Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey and Governor Bill Haslam)
4. Health Care Industry Day
5. Local Government Day
6. Education Day (after school event-go to school board meeting)
7. Large Industry Day (visit several of the 80 industries represented in Robertson County)
8. History of Robertson County Day

This year we were able to secure funding to accept up to 5 students from each of the 5 high schools; they not only learn about Robertson County but they get to meet and interact with other leaders in our schools. If you ask a Youth Leadership Alumnae, they will tell you it opened their eyes to a Robertson County they never knew existed!

We look forward to hosting your future leaders!

Kind Regards,

Kathy Gunn

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Robertson County Chamber of Commerce

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**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 28th !**

## **YOUTH LEADERSHIP ROBERTSON COUNTY 2015-16**

Open to Robertson County school students and/or Robertson County residents.  
Preference will be given to rising 11<sup>th</sup> graders, with consideration for rising 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

### **Application**

To be considered for acceptance, please **print or type**, and **fill out completely!**

Application must be mailed or emailed to:

Robertson County Chamber of Commerce  
503 West Court Square  
Springfield, TN 37172  
Phone 384-3800  
Fax 615-384-1260  
Email: kgunn@robertsonchamber.org

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ (2015-16) School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) with whom you live: \_\_\_\_\_

Participation in the program requires beginning the class at The Robertson County Chamber of Commerce approximately 8:00 a.m. and then being picked up from the Chamber at approximately 3:00 in the afternoon. We provide lunch for the students unless they have a special diet.

Do you have means of transportation to and from the chamber each session: yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_

Main area of interest of studies \_\_\_\_\_

Using a few phrases or adjectives, describe yourself: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your hobbies and interests outside of school? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be available to fully commit and participate in Youth Leadership? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If no, explain \_\_\_\_\_

What are your plans following graduation from high school? \_\_\_\_\_

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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 four years:

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

Name two things that are concerns to the youth of Robertson County?

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Why do you want to be a part of the Youth Leadership Program and what do you hope to gain from this experience?

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If you could change one thing about your community, what would it be, and how would you do it?

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**References:** Please list two (2) adults who know you well-one of whom must be a faculty member at your school – the other may be another teacher, minister, church youth leader, etc. Do not list a parent or relative! Complete all requested information.

(1.) Name of faculty member reference: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Name of other reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Firm Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Costs:** An application fee of \$25 is required if chosen for the program and due on or before Orientation. There are no other out-of-pocket costs to students. All events/activities will be sponsored. Students will receive a t-shirt.

Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

**Attendance:** 8 program days are included starting in September through April. Seven (7) days will be during school hours. One session will be conducted after-school hours. The class will plan and conduct a community service project. Participants will be excused from school.

Pictures will be taken during these programs, please sign below to give us permission to use these photos on our website and Facebook page to show the community what the Youth Leadership class is doing each month. All pictures will be appropriate and professional.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Attendance at the orientation/retreat is REQUIRED, as is participation in the service project. Class members cannot miss more than ONE (1) session during the school year to remain in the program.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Principal\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*\*Home school students should have signature of educator other than parent.*

# EXAMPLE OF LAST YEAR'S SCHEDULE

(WE ARE FINALIZING THIS YEAR'S SCHEDULE NOW

TO MAKE SURE WE DO NOT INTERRUPT TESTING DATES ETC.)



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## YOUTH LEADERSHIP 2014-2015 SCHEDULE

<i>Orientation-</i>	<i>September 22</i>	<i>8:30am to 3pm</i>
	<i>Honeysuckle Hill Farm</i>	
<i>Agriculture</i>	<i>October 22nd</i>	<i>8:30am to 3pm</i>
<i>History-</i>	<i>November 5<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>8:30am to 3pm</i>
<i>Healthcare-</i>	<i>December 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>8:00am to 3pm</i>
<i>Local Government/</i>		
<i>Justice System-</i>	<i>January 21<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>8:30am to 3pm</i>
<i>Education-</i>	<i>March 2nd</i>	<i>3pm to 7:30pm</i>
<i>State Government</i>	<i>March 26<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>8:30am to 3pm</i>
<i>Industry-</i>	<i>April 30th</i>	<i>8:30am to 3pm</i>
<i>Graduation Celebration</i>	<i>May 17<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Evening 6:00PM</i>

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