



YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
— BARTOW —

Class of 2024 Application & Information

The Youth Leadership Bartow program is designed to encourage students to participate as leaders in their schools and to continue to promote and enhance the quality of life for themselves and their communities as they further their education and begin their careers. The Chamber believes that this investment in our youth will instill in them the passion and commitment needed to further their community as the next generation of leaders.



CARTERSVILLE-BARTOW
CHAMBER

Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce
Attention: Youth Leadership Bartow
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Attention: Youth Leadership Bartow
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Overview

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Youth Leadership Bartow program presented by the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce. The Youth Leadership Bartow program provides the opportunity for you to learn and practice the skills necessary to become an effective community leader. If selected, you will join a diverse group of students in Bartow County to explore our local businesses, resources, and leadership opportunities. You will take part in team and consensus building exercises and be challenged through informative learning sessions designed to enhance your development and inspire a life-long commitment to Bartow County.

All rising high school sophomores and juniors are eligible to apply for Youth Leadership Bartow. Applicants are required to complete the enclosed application and return to your high school counselor on or before Friday, April 7, 2023. Home school students may submit completed applications directly to the Chamber of Commerce located at 122 W. Main Street in Cartersville. A limited number of applicants will be granted an interview with members of the Youth Leadership Bartow Steering Committee during the month of April. All applicants will be notified of their selection status by May 17, 2023.

Prior to submitting your application, please thoroughly review the enclosed program expectations and class schedule dates to be certain that you have the time and flexibility to participate in this program. The attendance policy is strict, so you must be able to commit to the program to graduate Youth Leadership Bartow.

To be considered for Youth Leadership Bartow, you must submit a completed application, two letters of recommendation, and a wallet size photo. Tuition for the program is \$350 and is due before June 9th. Limited scholarship assistance may be available. All requests for scholarships must be made on or before the application deadline. Please contact me at 770.382.1466 or Mecole@CartersvilleChamber.com with any questions.

Kind Regards,
Mecole Ledbetter
Director of Programs & Events





Application, Part I

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Name you prefer to be called (*will be printed on name tag*): _____

Name to be printed on graduation award: _____

Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____
(*If homeschooled, please indicate here.*)

Home Phone Number Student: _____
 Guardian: _____

Cell Phone Number Student: _____
 Guardian: _____

Email Address Student: _____ (*used for announcements and reminders*)
 Guardian: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names: _____

Parents'/Guardians' Daytime Phone (*in case of emergency*): _____

Emergency Contact (*not listed above*) & Phone: _____

Medical Conditions or Allergies: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____
GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____ / _____ (*See your school counselor if you are unsure.*)
(*If homeschooled, and not available, please indicate here.*)

T-Shirt Size (*please circle*): S M L XL

INVOLVEMENT

Please list your current extracurricular activities and any positions/offices held.

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_____	_____
_____	_____



Application, Part II

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

On an attached piece of paper, please respond to the following in no more than 300 words each.

1. Describe one leadership skill that you think comes naturally to you and one you would like to develop to enhance your leadership abilities.
2. Name and describe an individual you consider a strong leader.
3. Describe a unique issue/concern you see currently facing your school. Explain how strong leadership skills might help make a difference in the situation.

REFERENCES

To be considered for the Youth Leadership Bartow program, you are required to submit two letters of recommendation. Please ask your (A) high school counselor or teacher and (B) an adult who knows you well (other than a parent or relative), such as a coach, scout leader, employer, or community leader to provide a letter. Attach the letters to this application.

1. Name of Counselor or Teacher _____
2. Name of Additional Reference _____

(If homeschooled, please provide two "additional references" if a counselor or teacher is unavailable.)

PRINCIPAL ENDORSEMENT

Because the program requires hours away from school, your principal must sign below for you to be considered for the Youth Leadership Bartow program.

Principal's Name: _____

Principal's Signature: _____

Name of School: _____

(If homeschooled, please indicate here, and have parent(s)/guardian(s) sign.)

This signature is an endorsement from the Principal signifying the student has academic merit, is of good character, and has the Principal's approval to attend the program. Principals may contact Mecole Ledbetter at 770.382.1466 or mecole@cartersvillechamber.com for more information.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP BARTOW PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS

Absences/Tardies

- There is a maximum of one (1) excused absence and zero (0) unexcused absences.
- Absences considered excused are: school required functions with a note from the coach/teacher, documented medical issues, or a death in the family with parent note.
- For school functions, students must notify Mecole Ledbetter by noon on Friday the week prior to a session of an absence.
- Arriving 10 minutes late may constitute an absence. If you are going to be more than 10 minutes late, you must contact Mecole Ledbetter at 678.848.7097 (cell) or in GroupMe.
- Failure to notify the Chamber of an absence will be considered an unexcused absence and is subject to automatic dismissal.

School Work

- Students will be expected to make up all schoolwork from school days missed for the Youth Leadership Bartow program.

CLASS OF 2024 SCHEDULE DATES

Session times usually run from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM on Fridays. When there is an exception, the students will be given advance notice of the change. *Excused* absences must receive prior approval and are limited to participate in graduation. The retreat is mandatory.

Monday, July 31, 2023

6:00PM – 7:00PM – Orientation – Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

Friday, August 4 & Saturday, August 5

8:00AM – 3:00PM – Youth Leadership Bartow Retreat – **MANDATORY**

September 8, 2023

October 20, 2023

November 17, 2023

December 8, 2023

January 12, 2024

February 16, 2024

If a student must miss a class date, **they must** notify Mecole Ledbetter.

Mecole Ledbetter, Director Programs & Events, Cartersville-Bartow Chamber

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