



# RANKIN YOUTH LEADERSHIP

*A Leadership Development Program*

*Sponsored by the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce*

## 2019-2020 Application Packet

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### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Monday, April 8, 2019 - 4:00 p.m.

### DELIVER OR MAIL TO:

Rankin County Chamber, 101 Service Drive, Brandon MS 39042

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### PURPOSE:

The goal of this program is to identify and develop a group of young leaders who can impact the future of Rankin County by learning how to assume responsible community leadership roles.

### THE PROGRAM WILL:

- Familiarize participants with the community's opportunities, needs, problems and resources.
- Establish an effective dialogue and form friendships among participants and community leaders.
- Develop leadership and management skills by providing training in skills such as goal setting, effective communication, decision making, team building, motivation, organization and work ethic development.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

Rankin Youth Leadership is composed of six monthly full-day sessions September through March including a MANDATORY opening retreat in August where students are introduced to each other and the program coordinators. Graduation will be held in April.

Once a month the students are excused from their school classes and extracurricular activities to participate in programs designed to develop strong leadership skills and mandatory attendance at all sessions is expected.

### APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Participation in Rankin Youth Leadership is a competitive process open to 11th grade students (juniors) in public or private schools within Rankin County. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 grade point average for the current school year and must reside in Rankin County.

Participants are selected based on two rounds: an evaluation and ranking of the written applications and an interview. Letters of notification will be mailed to each applicant that has been selected to move onto the next stage, the Interview process. Please remember, your application is being screened to be selected for an interview, so make sure it is neat, accurate and your best work. Incomplete or late submissions will not be accepted!

### TUITION:

There is a \$100 tuition to participants of the program and must be paid in full at the Welcome Reception held in August. A limited number of scholarships are considered on a case by case basis. The tuition for the 2019-2020 class has been provided the Rankin Leadership Krewe De Roux 2019 project.

### ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Attendance is mandatory. If a participant misses more than one session, they will be dropped from the class and will not graduate from the program.
- Be on time for all sessions and participate wholeheartedly.
- Exhibit respectful and exemplary "leadership" behavior.
- Absences will be made up by performing 4 hours of assigned community service.

Students must meet the above requirements in order to graduate from the program.

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## Confidential Application

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(Please type or print legibly - only COMPLETE applications will be considered - checklist on Page 3)  
**Must attach 4 x 6 photo with your name written on the back**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Preferred or Nickname)

School \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Can you receive text messages? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ City of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

List any special needs (physical, dietary, etc) that should be considered: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:** List community activities for the past three years.

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**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** List school activities for the past three years.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION:** List any work or volunteer experience:

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Please list special educational accomplishments, honors, recognitions, etc.:

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What careers are you interested in learning more about?

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**Identify the top two issues facing Rankin County youth today. Explain how you and/or other youth can address these issues. Be sure to discuss how your personal experiences and those of other Rankin County youth can equip you to address these issues.**

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1. Name of 1st Reference (Principal or Counselor) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of 2nd Reference \_\_\_\_\_

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

Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ALL ITEMS:**  
**Monday, April 8, 2019 - 4:00 pm**

A complete application consists of the following items:

- This completed form - 3 pages total
- Photo attached - 4"x 6" with name on back
- Two letters of reference- blank forms attached

**Mail or Deliver to:**

RANKIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
 101 Service Drive · Brandon, MS 39042

EMAIL: marinder@rankinchamber.com

**SCHOOL APPROVAL:** This applicant has the full approval of this school to interview for the program. If selected, the applicant has our full support, including the time and dates required to participate in the Rankin Youth Leadership Program. The student meets the criteria of being academically in good standing and regular in attendance.

Administrator's name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of Administrator \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTAL PERMISSION:** I am the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (student name). I have read the information on the Rankin Youth Leadership program and am willing to have my child participate and hereby agree that my child will abide by the rules set forth by the Rankin Youth Leadership program.

**TRANSPORTATION RELEASE:** Rankin Youth Leadership, its agents and its employees have my full permission and consent to transport my child by bus, private automobile, vans or other appropriate means of transportation in connection with all sessions of Rankin Youth Leadership during the school year in which he/she is a participant.

**MEDICAL RELEASE:** In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, Rankin Youth Leadership, its agents and its employees have my permission and consent to secure medical treatment for my child should it be deemed necessary.

**PHOTO RELEASE:** I hereby grant permission for the Rankin Youth Leadership program to use my child's likeness in a photograph in any and all of its publications without payment or any other consideration. I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of the Rankin Youth Leadership program.

**HOLD HARMLESS WAIVER:** I hereby release and hold harmless Rankin Youth Leadership, its agents and its employees of any individual involved in the planning, organization or presentation of Rankin Youth Leadership programming, for any accident, injury, illness or damage whatsoever related to the above mentioned student's attendance at or participation in any activity or session.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Best contact number and email \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT COMMITMENT:** If selected, I commit to attend the program orientation, opening retreat, each of the class program sessions and graduation. I understand that full attendance by each participant is essential if the youth leadership program is to meet its objectives.

By submitting this application, you are giving us permission to send you text messages and emails regarding the Rankin County Youth Leadership Program. We will not send emails or text messages for anything unrelated to Rankin County Chamber.

I understand and accept the requirements for Rankin Youth Leadership.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## TUITION & SCHOLARSHIPS:

Tuition for the 2019-2020 year has graciously been provided by the Rankin Leadership Class of 2018-2019 through their fundraising efforts of the Krewe de Roux Gumbo Fest and Parade. However, this program would normally have a \$100 tuition fee.

## **INTERVIEW INFORMATION**

All interviews will take place on April 29th - April 30th between the hours of 10am-6pm.

Interview Location: Rankin County Chamber of Commerce  
101 Service Drive  
Brandon, MS 39042  
(601) 825-2268

Please note that interviews are an excused school absence from school and last no longer than 15 minutes each. We ask that you make every effort to arrive at least 15 minutes early so that we may stay on schedule. All interviews will be conducted by an outside panel of judges and are not affiliated with the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce in any way. After the judges have made their final selections and submitted them to the Chamber office, the applicants will be notified by text and email no later than Friday, May 3rd.

Applicants should dress in professional business attire for their interview. No shorts, jeans, or tennis shoes should be worn. Skirts and dresses should be of an appropriate length and no sleeveless shirts or dresses are permitted. Suits and ties are not a requirement. Dress in your very best and what makes you feel comfortable! Neat, professional hairstyles, manicured or trimmed nails, light make-up, and little or no perfume or cologne are suggested.

Remember you are also being scored on the completeness and knowledge of your application, so be sure to turn in your best work. Keep a copy of your application and review your answers before your interview. Relax and be yourself!

## **RANKIN YOUTH LEADERSHIP ITINERARY** (dates to be announced unless otherwise noted below)

Application Deadline:	Monday, April 8, 2019 - 4:00 pm
Applicant Interviews:	April 29 - April 30, 2019
Welcome Social:	September 2019
Mandatory Opening Retreat:	September 2019
Monthly Sessions:	Public Safety Day Community Service Day Manufacturing Day State Government Day County Government Day
Graduation:	Salute to Education Banquet, April 2020



# **RANKIN YOUTH LEADERSHIP REFERENCE FORM #1 of 2**

## **(high school principal or counselor)**

**TO THE APPLICANT:** Please give Reference Form #1 to your high school principal or counselor. Give the second one to any adult who knows you well, other than a parent or relative. For example, a teacher, scout leader, church youth leader, etc. The comments will be used for Rankin Youth Leadership selection purposes only.

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE REFERENCE:** The person listed above is an applicant for the Rankin County Youth Leadership Program. Please complete and return to the Rankin County Chamber office. **Applicant will not be considered unless this and all forms are submitted by the deadline.**

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**For more information please call Rankin Chamber office (601) 825-2268**

Name of Reference \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider the applicant's primary talents or strengths? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider the applicant's chief weakness? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's grade point average is \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_ point scale.\*

\*(This question should be answered only by the reference who is the applicant's principal or counselor.)

Please use the scale below to compare the applicant with other high school juniors you have known:

	Outstanding	Good	Poor	Unable to Judge
Character				
Responsibility				
Leadership				
Initiative				
Ability to work with others				
Ability to fulfill commitments				

# **RANKIN YOUTH LEADERSHIP REFERENCE FORM #2 of 2**

## **(Any adult who knows you well, other than parent or relative)**

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