



Junior Leadership Columbia

2017-2018 Application

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP COLUMBIA (JLC) is an innovative community program designed by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce for high school juniors. The nine month program motivates emerging leaders and develops the potential for community leadership by acquainting participants with the opportunities, realities and challenges of the Columbia community.

What does it take to be a leader? Leaders possess various traits that make them who they are and they continuously develop those traits. Junior Leadership Columbia focuses on the following eight characteristic traits:

- Advocacy
- Ambition
- Commitment
- Courage
- Creativity
- Innovation
- Integrity
- Personal Responsibility

Each session will focus on one of these traits as it relates to the session topic. Sessions are organized by members of the community and experts from various organizations and institutions. Participants will have the opportunity to meet and learn from various community leaders throughout the program.

JLC is open to 25 from Columbia area public and private high schools who will be juniors in the 2017-2018 school year. Each completed application will be submitted anonymously for review by a selection committee. A select number of applicants will be asked to participate in an interview with members of the selection committee. After being interviewed, the final 25 students will be invited to participate in the 2017-2018 program. The selection committee will be looking for students who have demonstrated leadership in the past or have a strong interest in holding leadership roles in their communities, schools and/or vocations. The selection committee will strive to include participants from all segments of the community. These committee members reserve the right to accept or reject any applicant. It is the policy of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce to grant equal opportunity to all qualified persons without regard to race, color, gender, sexual orientation, handicap, sex, religion, creed, national origin, or ancestry.

Commitment is a trait that is key to leadership. Applicants must commit to participate in all JLC activities and all program sessions. We understand that students are active in other extracurricular activities which may cause a session absence. In order to graduate from JLC, a student cannot have more than two excused absences. JLC begins in August 2017 and concludes with a Graduation Banquet in April 2018. Sessions include:

- Eight Monday evening sessions from 5 - 7:30 p.m.
- One Saturday service project
- One morning at the March Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Membership Breakfast and Business Showcase
- One full day field trip in Jefferson City

A non-refundable application fee of \$25 is to be paid by check made payable to the Columbia Chamber of Commerce. Please write the applicant's name in the memo line. Scholarships are available on a need basis. If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, please contact Jolyn Sattizahn at the Chamber at (573) 817-9112.

**Applications are due by 5 p.m.
on Friday, March 24, 2017**

Completed application may be sent by mail to:

Columbia Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Junior Leadership Columbia
PO Box 1016
Columbia, MO 65205-1016

Or delivered to:

Columbia Chamber of Commerce
300 S Providence Rd
Columbia, MO 65203



Questions? Contact Jolyn Sattizahn at (573) 817-9112 or by email at jsattizahn@ColumbiaMOChamber.com

Applicant Information

To be typed or completed with black ink. Please write legibly.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Student Phone _____ Student Email _____ Gender _____

Current G.P.A. _____ School You Will Be Attending in Fall 2017 _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian's Phone _____ Parent/Guardian's Email _____

As the Parent/Guardian, I am aware of the commitment required by Junior Leadership Columbia. I will support and encourage _____ to participate.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____ Date _____

Application Materials

All of the following pieces must be submitted. Only complete applications will be considered.

- Applicant Information** - Please include this form with your application.
- Cover Letter** - Your cover letter should address why you want to participate in Junior Leadership Columbia.
- Resume** - Your resume should list all of your extracurricular activities within the last three years, which may include: athletics, student government, clubs, church groups, community activities, employment, etc.
- Essays** - Please answer each of the following questions. Each essay should be 500 words or less.
 1. Pick a character trait listed on the front of this application and tell how it relates to leadership.
 2. Give an example of a time when you wish you had more knowledge of leadership skills.
- Recommendation Form** - Your recommendation form (following page) should be completed and submitted by an adult member of the community not related to you.
- \$25 Application Fee** - Checks should be payable to the Columbia Chamber of Commerce with the applicant's name in the memo line. The application fee is non-refundable whether or not the applicant is accepted into the program.

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