

August 2021 – May 2022

Leadership Overton Youth Academy

OBJECTIVES

To enhance the leadership skills of exemplary high school students who have demonstrated leadership qualities and concern for the community.

To acquaint participants with the needs, opportunities, problems and resources in the Livingston-Overton County area.

To encourage interest and participation in community and volunteer activities, both now and in the future.

To prepare the next generation of leaders to face the challenges and changes in our community.

Sponsored by: Leadership Overton Alumni Association
In cooperation with the Livingston/Overton County Chamber of Commerce
and the UT Extension - Overton County

**You must return only pages 5, 6, and 7 along with other documents.
Keep Pages 1-4 for your documentation.**

E-mail youthleadershipoverton@gmail.com with any questions.

**Applications must be received BEFORE or ON
May 11th, 2021 to Robin Long at L.A.**

LEADERSHIP OVERTON YOUTH ACADEMY

Program Components

RATIONALE:

Overton County teens are influenced by “leaders” within their various peer groups. Their powerful impact has an effect – either positive or negative. These young leaders of today are in fact the community leaders of tomorrow. These youth leaders need to be challenged to channel their leadership potential toward community development and improvement. One of the National Education Goals is, **“every school in America will ensure that all students learn to use their minds well, so they may be prepared for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment in our nations’ modern economy”**. Our Youth Leadership Academy is uniquely positioned to work with the local school system to help meet this goal.

CONCEPT:

A term (9 sessions) is a series of events/activities designed to empower Overton County teens with skills and awareness necessary to develop into **responsible, capable and involved** leaders and citizens of tomorrow. The term will run from August thru May each school year.

TARGETED AUDIENCE:

High School sophomores who show an interest in their community and local government. Student “leaders” from all peer groups within the school are encouraged to apply for the class to provide an opportunity for a positive leadership impact on all youth. The targeted audience is a cross-section of the school population, **not limited to academic honor students**. Potential participants must complete a confidential application and write an essay for acceptance into the program. **No More than Twenty (20) applicants will be selected to participate in the program annually.**

PARTICIPANT OBJECTIVES:

- Develop self-awareness of their individual leadership style and potential.
- Develop an appreciation for diversity among individuals.
- Enhance their ability to function as a member of a diverse group.
- Develop a greater understanding and appreciation of our community.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

- Individual Assessment Exercises (Personality/Leadership Style, Etiquette, Manners)
- Group Team Building Exercises (Judicial, Conflict resolution, Service, etc.)
- Tours and/or guest speakers highlighting these community components:
 - * Culture, History and Heritage
 - * Judicial Systems, Courts and Laws
 - * Health, Safety and Welfare
 - * Education
 - * Government (City, County and State)
 - * Transportation, Communication and Utilities
 - * Tourism, Recreation and Hobbies
 - * Agriculture and Natural Resources

Program Partners:

Leadership Overton Alumni Association
Overton County Board of Education
Overton County and City of Livingston
Officials

UT Extension- Overton County
Livingston Academy Faculty and Staff
Livingston- Overton County Chamber of
Commerce

Corporate Financial Sponsors:

Livingston Rotary Club
Overton County Cattlemen's Association

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Sample Schedule of the 2019-2020 Class Year. 2021-2022 will be similar dates.

This is only an example & not the official dates.

All absences are EXCUSED by the school with your trip ticket. All athletic coaches have worked with us on allowing you to be excused on our meeting days as well, if we have an extended day.

Days with different hours have been bolded so you will have an example of our times.

1. **August 8th, 2019**- Information Session **During Hogeye Half Only**
2. **August 14th, 2019**- Industrial tours, Leadership Styles, Elections, Fundraiser Selection, Various Information, Start of School, Return by End of School
3. **September 11th, 2019**- The In's & Out's of City and County Government; Start of School, Return by End of School
4. **October 10th, 2019**- State Government, Extended Day Session: **Leave by 6:30 AM and Return by 8:00 PM**
5. **October 26th, 2019**- Volunteer at Fall-O-Ween through Leadership Overton Youth Academy, **10:00AM to 5:00 PM**
6. **November 8th, 2019**- Relay for Life at the park; Start of School, Return by End of School
7. **January 15th, 2020**- Health Care Services Day; Start of School, Return by End of School
8. **February 12th, 2020**- Education Day at TTU; Start of School, Return by End of School
9. **March 4th, 2020**- Judicial Day; Start of School, Return by End of School
10. **April 16th and 17th, 2020** - Graduation trip in Knoxville/Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg

Full Name: _____

Glue an up to date photo of your face here; can be a school proof if needed.

Check List:

- Page are filled out in their entirety.
- My essay is attached.
- I have attached 1 letter of recommendation.
- I have turned this in by **May 11th, 2021** to Mrs. Robin Long.

List your class schedule Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Schedules (freshman year):

Class

Instructor

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LEADERSHIP OVERTON YOUTH ACADEMY

Confidential Application

Applications must be filled out in their entirety. **Please print or type.**

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full Name _____

Preferred First Name: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

Sex: _____ Race: _____ Birth Date: _____ Grade: _____

Both Parents' Name: _____ and _____

Mailing Address: _____, _____ TN _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Polo Shirt Size: (Circle Size) Small Medium Large Ex-Large XX-Large Other _____

List class and/or community activities you have participated in the past two years, also list any special awards, honors or recognition for academic, school or community related activities you have received in the past two years: _____

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

Please list in order of importance up to **five (5)** school, volunteer, religious, 4-H, social, athletic or other activities or organizations in which you now participate or have participated. (Last 3 years only.)

Organization/Activity	Grade(s)	Leadership Responsibility/Involvement
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

WRITTEN ESSAY: Each applicant must prepare and submit an essay not to exceed 250 words entitled: “**What Do I Want To Gain From The Leadership Overton Youth Academy?**” Essays must be typed or done on a word processor, double-spaced, one and half inch margins. Attach the Essay to your completed application.

Recommendation Letter: Please include **one** letter of recommendation from an individual familiar with your character, integrity, aptitude, and abilities. Letters should be from someone other than relatives. Letters should not be from teachers you had in the 2020-2021 school year, with the exception being if they led a club you are involved in. Examples of these individuals may include but are not limited to business leaders, church leaders, neighbors, or club leaders. Please ask them to include their name, how they know you, and an address. Letters should be attached to your application.

Requirements: Please read. Both you AND your parents must initial each requirement on the lines provided. Make sure you understand what is expected of you during the program.

Parent's initials	Student's Initials
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1. Participants are expected to attend **ALL** meetings, complete **ALL** assignments, and participate in **ALL** service projects and activities set forth by the Youth Leadership committee,

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2. **100%** attendance is required during the program with a signed **Trip Ticket**. Failure to complete an assignment, attend a meeting, or complete service projects counts as an absence.

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One excused absence is permitted. We understand this is a strict policy.

Unlike school, we meet very few times and we cannot make it up. If a student misses a class other than the graduation trip, they can make it up the following year and still graduate.

3. Each participant will be required to **PAY \$50** to help offset program costs. Fees will be collected **AFTER** acceptance. **There are scholarships available for those who cannot afford the fee.**

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Each participant will be required to assist with all community projects:

4. *Help with Fall-O-Ween in Livingston.*

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Held The last Saturday of October from 11 PM to 4 PM.

5. *Fundraise for a Nonprofit and attend associated ceremonies.*

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Sell a minimum of 25 meal tickets and participate day of fundraiser.

6. *Volunteer with a nonprofit.*

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Date TBD

7. Classes will meet once a month on the second Wednesday or Thursday during school hours beginning in August. Few classes could extend longer as needed (travel time, etc.) All classes include a sponsored lunch except for dinner on our way back from graduation.

Some class dates will change due to school or community conflicts.

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The Graduation Trip to Knoxville, TN is a 1 night, 2 day overnight trip. Some activities require outside of school attendance, time, and effort.

I have filled out this application to the best of my ability and believe it is correct.

Student: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Legal Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____