

# August 2023 – May 2024

## 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.

### BENEFITS OF JOINING

Those who graduate from the program are eligible for a \$500 post-secondary education scholarship that is only open to their year's graduates.

Develop relationships with leaders from local businesses, government officials on the city, county, and state levels, and within our education system.

Gain a **minimum** of 14 volunteer hours that count towards your scholarship applications your senior year.

*Sponsored by:* Leadership Overton Alumni Association, Livingston Rotary Club, and Overton County Cattlemen's associations

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](mailto:youthleadershipoverton@gmail.com) with any questions.**

**Applications must be received BEFORE or ON**

**August 9, 2023 to Lora Clouse at L.A. or if turning in the summer, turn in to Extension Office.**

## **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 April 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  
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**Tentative Schedule 2023-2024 All dates to be determined.**

**This is only an example & not the official dates.**

*All absences are EXCUSED by the school with your trip ticket. All dates are mandatory. 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022-** Orientation, Etiquette, Chamber Talk, Leadership Styles, Officer Elections
2. **September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022-** Fundraiser session, City and County Government, Airport
3. **October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022-** State Government, Extended Day Session: **Leave by 6:30 AM and Return by 8:00 PM**
4. **October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022-** Volunteer at Fall-O-Ween through Leadership Overton Youth Academy, **10:00AM to 5:00 PM**
5. **November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022-** Fundraiser Date
6. **January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023-** Health Care Services Day
7. **February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023-** Education Day at TTU & TCAT
8. **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023-** Judicial Day
9. **April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 -** Graduation trip in Knoxville/Pigeon Forge

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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 **August (TBD), 2023** to Lora Clouse.

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date photo of  
your face here;  
can be a  
school proof if  
needed.

**List your class schedule Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 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 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Both Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ TN \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **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:** In a brief written letter tell us: “**What Do I Want To Gain From The Leadership Overton Youth Academy?**” Please type or use a word processor, double-spaced, one and half inch margins. Attach the letter 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**

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:** \_\_\_\_\_