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Please type or print.

1. Personal Data

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Youth Leadership Harlingen gives you the opportunity to use and strengthen your leadership skills and learn more about your community. It is not based on academic merit or athletic ability; it is based on character and interest in your community, and a desire to shape ideas and attitudes in other people. You may not think of yourself as a leader, but if you are interested in improving your community, you have something to offer.

Application Must Be Filled Out Completely.

Application Must Be Turned In to the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce (311 E. Tyler) or via email at alaniz@harlingen.com. The application is also available online at Harlingen.com

Meetings will be held at the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce located at 311 E. Tyler in Harlingen.

Applications Will Not Be Accepted After September 22, 2017.

2. Applicant Information

School: _____

School Grade: 10th 11th 12th Gender: Male Female

Other Schools Attended: _____

Main Areas of Interest in Studies: _____

Have You Applied to Youth Leadership Harlingen in the Past? Yes No

3. Organizations and Activities

Please list in order of importance to you up to four activities or organizations in which you have participated in the last three years. (School, community, athletics, volunteer, social, religious, etc.)

Begin with your most recent degrees and/or specialized training and list in reverse chronological order:

Organization	Grade	Leadership Responsibility	School
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

4. Recognitions

Please list up to three special awards, honors or recognitions for academic, school or community-related activities you have received in the last three years.

Recognition, Honors or Awards

5. Work Experience

List any part-time job experience, paid or volunteer, and briefly explain what it involved.

Do you currently have a part-time job? Yes No If so, how many hours per week do you work? _____

Would your job interfere with your attendance at Youth Leadership Harlingen? Yes No

6. General Information

- Using a few phrases or adjectives, please describe yourself. _____

- If you could change anything in your community, what would it be and how? _____

- After reviewing the program calendar, do you foresee conflicts in attending the sessions?

Yes No If yes, please explain.

10. Attendance Policy

A total of six sessions are held for Youth Leadership Harlingen. The session dates are available on Harlingen.com and included with this application, or may be obtained from the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce. **Each session beings promptly at 8:30 a.m. and ends by 3:30 p.m.** Attendance at the ROPES session is mandatory. *Participants are expected to attend four complete sessions. Extenuating circumstances which require you to miss all or part of a session may be submitted to the Harlingen Chamber Youth Leadership program for consideration. Note: Students will not be allowed to leave during a session without the written permission of parent or guardian.*

Parent or Legal Guardian

Name: _____ Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

In case of an emergency contact:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

I have read the attendance policy and session dates for the program. Applicant has my approval to attend all sessions of Youth Leadership Harlingen.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____
Date

I have read the attendance policy and session dates for the program. I am willing to commit my personal time to participate in Youth Leadership Harlingen, and make a commitment to attend each one of the program sessions.

Signature of Applicant _____
Date

Applications Will Not Be Accepted After September 22, 2017. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Applicants will be reviewed in confidence.

All applicants will be notified in writing of the selection committee's decision.



Reference Form

Please type or print

To The Applicant:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Youth Leadership Harlingen must receive this form by September 22nd, from the reference. As a courtesy to your reference, please make your request early. The comments will be held in strict confidence and will be used for Youth Leadership Harlingen selection purposes only. Please sign and date the waiver below.

Waiver of Access: I, _____, waive the right of personal access to the reference.

To The Reference:

The person named above is an applicant for Youth Leadership Harlingen. The Selection Committee attaches considerable weight to the statements made by the references of the applicant. The committee is aware of the time necessary to prepare such an assessment and gratefully acknowledges your help.

Please return this form by **September 22, 2017** to:
Do not return to the applicant.

Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce
Youth Leadership Harlingen
Attn: Alexis Alaniz
311 East Tyler
Harlingen, Texas 78550
aaalaniz@harlingen.com

Name of Reference: _____

Position/Title: _____

School/Firm/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

For how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

Reasons for recommendation:



Program Overview

2017-2018

What is Youth Leadership Harlingen?

Youth Leadership Harlingen is a program for students who want to further develop leadership skills and to become more knowledgeable about the various elements that form a strong and dynamic community. It is a program of the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District.

Through a series of discussions and activities, students will become familiar with community needs and resources. They will increase awareness of current issues, community problems and opportunities by interacting with community leaders.

Program Topics

The following topics will be covered in six sessions:

- Government/Criminal Justice: Justice System and juvenile crime | How city and county government operates.
- Agriculture & Industry: Jobs and the economy | Environmental issues
- Quality/Culture/Creativity: The ingredients of "quality of life" | Culture, art & recreation
- Health and Human/Social Services: Social responsibility | Health care and medical services
- Education & Leadership | Leadership Education/Adventure: Leadership Styles | Methods of goal attainment
- ROPES: Team building

Program Calendar/Important Dates

A total of six sessions will be held October through March and the program will end in April at the Graduation Banquet. Dates below and are subject to change with advance notice.

- Orientation (MANDATORY for students and parents): Friday, October 6, 2017 from 5pm until 5:30pm.
- ROPES (MANDATORY): Saturday, October 7, 2017
- Health & Human Services: Monday, November 6, 2017
- Education & Leadership: Monday, December 4, 2017
- Government & Criminal Justice: Monday, January 22, 2018
- Agriculture & Industry: Monday, February 5, 2018
- Creativity, Culture & Quality of Life: Monday, March 5, 2018
- Graduation Banquet: April-Date TBA

Eligibility

Sophomores, juniors and seniors who attend school in the Harlingen and surrounding areas and are residents of Harlingen are eligible. Interested students should:

- Demonstrate leadership in school or community activities
- Express an interest in knowing more about the community
- Commit to 100% attendance at all sessions

Tuition

If accepted into the Youth Leadership Harlingen Program, a tuition fee of **\$150 for students enrolled in a HCISD school and \$200 for students outside the district**, will be used to offset the cost of meals and program materials. Please indicate on the application if you are applying for tuition assistance. Your request will be reviewed by the Harlingen Chamber Staff & Board of Directors. **Tuition payments are due by Friday, October 6, 2017 at Orientation.**

Application Checklist

1. Fill out application form completely. Return application no later than **Friday, September 22, 2017.**
2. Give one reference form to your principal, teacher or counselor, and the second one to another adult (other than school) who knows you well. Both forms must be returned by the references directly to the Youth Leadership Office by **September 22, 2017. It is the student's responsibility to follow up and make sure the reference was sent to the Youth Leadership office.** Applications that are not complete will not be accepted and will remain on file for the following year.

Selection Process

Using the objectives of Youth Leadership Harlingen as a guide, the Selection Committee will:

- Review all applications equally and fairly.
- Choose a class of participants who represent a variety of schools, class levels, and areas of interests.
- All applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision in writing.