

SELECTION PROCESS

There will be an application and interview selection process that begins at each local high school. Each school's guidance office or administration can submit up to (8) applications for consideration.

- Students must apply for the program during August of their Junior or Senior years.
- Applications can be found at each high school counselor's office or the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce.
- Each application must include (2) letters of recommendation from non-family members. (Ex: Pastor, doctor, neighbor, coach, etc.)
- All completed application packages must be submitted to the school guidance counselor by the date selected.
- Student selection and notification will be done in May.
- The program will place priority on academic, geographic, gender, and racial diversity.
- Interviews will be held after school hours at a location to be announced.

SELECTION CRITERIA

All class members shall be selected by the Youth Leadership Advisory Committee. The Committee shall target individuals:

- With a sincere commitment, motivation and interest in their community.
- Who seek out opportunities for advancement and leadership in their schools.
- With demonstrated leadership qualities or potential for development of those qualities.

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For applications or information,
please go to

leadershipaugusta.com

or call

(706) 821-1300

and ask for a Leadership
Augusta representative.



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**A leadership development
program for Augusta-area
High School Juniors & Seniors**

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AUGUSTA

(YLA) is a leadership program for juniors and seniors attending high school or residing in the Augusta area. The mission of Youth Leadership Augusta is to expose, educate and motivate potential young leaders and enable them to take an active role in their community. Through involvement in program days that will provide an assortment of experiences, students will begin to develop and establish a leadership style. The final result will be strong leaders with the self-expectation of building a stronger and more dynamic Augusta.

GOALS

The goal of Youth Leadership Augusta is to:

- Identify both emerging and existing youth leaders and assist in developing leadership skills.
- Allow opportunities for interaction with community, business, education, and civic leaders.
- Provide program content that acquaints students with community needs, issues and resources.
- Teach students the benefits of voluntary involvement in community service projects and engage in making the community a better place to live.
- Encourage students to take on the responsibility of being school leaders and to strive to make schools better environments for future students.
- Provide a geographically and culturally diverse group of students in a forum for establishing mutual trust, respect for others, and friendships.
- Foster and develop teamwork skills.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Student Orientation/Meet & Greet

Get to know your fellow students and learn about the program year.

Parent Reception

Parent introduction to program, overview of year, and student presentation.

Human Relations Day/Poverty Simulation

Explore all aspects of valuing the diversity found throughout Augusta, and learn first hand the struggles involved in breaking the cycle of poverty.

Community Service (Arts in the Heart)

Serve your community during Augusta's best-known festival.

Criminal Justice Day

Get an inside look at the criminal justice system in Richmond County at the local, state, and federal level.

Arts and Culture Day

Discover opportunities in Augusta's flourishing art scene.

Economic Development Day

Visit area businesses/industries and learn about how they affect our local economy.

Government and Media Day

Learn from local government officials about the processes of governance, then tour a local news facility and learn about the process of getting a story from writing/researching to the 6 o'clock news.

Healthcare Day

Gain a better understanding of the complexities of our varied medical institutions and the cooperation that exists among them and the community.

Education Day

Learn about the higher education opportunities locally and in our region.

History Day

Learn the history of Richmond County and the Augusta area.

Community Leadership Day

Learn about state and local government and interact with business, civic, community, healthcare and government leaders in our community.

Graduation Friday

Time to shine! One last opportunity to show off what you've learned, receive awards, and celebrate a successful, action-packed year.

Students selected to the Youth Leadership program will be expected to attend all sessions and complete various homework assignments. The tentative schedule includes nine (9) full weekday sessions beginning in August and ending in May, two (2) Saturday sessions, and two (2) evening sessions.