



Work Ethic Certification Program Intent to Apply

<i>Participant Information (Please print)</i>
Student Name:
High School:
Anticipated Graduation:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Telephone:
Email:

Statement of Intent

I hereby state my intent to begin working towards certification for the Shelby County Chamber Work Ethic Certification Program:

- I will make every effort to attend school daily and avoid absences whenever possible.
- I will arrive at each class on time, ready and prepared to learn.
- I will treat others with respect, promote an attitude of cooperation, and act in a manner that exceeds discipline standards.
- I will work diligently in my studies and strive for academic excellence in all classes.
- I will prepare for my future by actively engaging in college and career readiness opportunities provided to me.
- I will give of my time and talents to school and community activities and service.
- I will attend a work ethic training session to raise my awareness and understanding of solid work ethic practices and try to develop good personal habits in these areas.
- I will reflect on the value of strong work ethic in the workplace and submit an essay sharing my beliefs on the subject.

Student Name:
Signature:
Date:
Parent/Guardian Name:
Signature:
Date:

For additional information contact:
Shelby County Chamber of Commerce
316 Main Street
Shelbyville, KY 40065
502-633-1636
www.ShelbyCountyKyChamber.com

Work Ethic Certification



What is Work Ethic Certification?

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with local businesses and educators, has developed the Work Ethic Certification program to identify students who have demonstrated strong work ethic during high school as identified by a set of specific standards. These students stand out from their peers and are expected to be successful in post-secondary education and the workforce. This program will not only identify those students, but will also help develop and improve soft skills in students and our future workforce.

Who is eligible to participate?

The Work Ethic Certification program is open to any high school student who attends school or resides in Shelby County. Participation is voluntary and the responsibility of the student.

What are the benefits of being certified?

Students who achieve certification will receive:

- Certificate of their achievement during their awards ceremony
- Recognition at their high school graduation with a special cord and acknowledgement in the program
- Invitation to apply for the Shelby County Chamber Work Ethic Scholarship during their senior year
- Credentials for college, scholarship, and employment applications
- Guaranteed interview for posted job openings from participating employers, if student meets the minimum requirements

How and when do I apply?

Applications are available from the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and from their local school. Preparation for certification may begin as early as 8th grade, but is not required. Data from grades 9-12 will be evaluated as part of the certification process. Students will apply for certification at the end of the third quarter of their senior year. Juniors may apply for a "Work Ethic In Progress" certification at the end of the third quarter of their junior year. Juniors who receive "In Progress" certification must provide documentation their senior year to verify they are still in compliance and meet the requirements for full certification and eligibility to apply for the scholarship.

Criteria for Work Ethic Certification

Attendance

Student may not miss more than two unexcused days per year over their four years in high school (grades 9-12).

Tardies

Student may have no more than two unexcused tardies per year over their four years in high school (grades 9-12).

Discipline

Student may have no more than one disciplinary referral per year. Student record must be free of major offenses as defined in the Shelby County Public Schools Student Handbook (see attached handbook).
Can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Work Ethic Committee.

Grade Point Average

Student must have a minimum unweighted grade point average of 2.0.

College and Career Readiness

Student must meet college and/or career readiness benchmarks for graduation as required by the Shelby County Public Schools.

Community Involvement

Student must be or have been involved in at least two (2) of the following during their four years in high school (grades 9-12):

- An organized team sport or organized non-team/individual sport
- An extracurricular or co-curricular program (School clubs, band, drama, choir, etc.)
- Community or civic organization (4-H, scouts, church youth group, etc.)
- Part-time employment
- Verifiable community service

Training Session

Student must participate in at least one Chamber sponsored work ethic training session.

Personal Essay

Student must submit a personal essay about the value of a strong work ethic in the workplace. *(Maximum 250 words.)*

Submission of application and accompanying documentation is the sole responsibility of the student.