

## **Class of 2018 Application Deadline: Friday, April 14, 2017**

The Chamber of the Northern Poconos is pleased to present the Junior Leadership Northern Poconos program. Our goal is to develop mutual understanding, respect, civic engagement, leadership and the interpersonal skills of high school juniors by providing real-world experiences. In addition to the skills learned and topics explored, the opportunities and challenges of the region are discussed as participants network with community leaders and other high school students. Sessions are held one full weekday for six months.

### **PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS**

Junior Leadership Northern Poconos accepts applications from current sophomores who attend the following high schools:

Forest City Regional

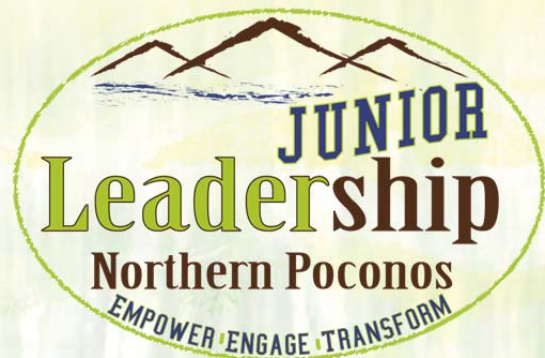
Wallenpaupack

Wayne Highlands

Western Wayne

*Only 5 participants  
selected from each  
school district!*

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the Leaders  
of Tomorrow  
Today!*



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32 Commercial Street

Honesdale, PA 18431

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[www.NorthernPoconosChamber.com/Leadership](http://www.NorthernPoconosChamber.com/Leadership)

# CRITERIA AND INSTRUCTIONS

## *Reminder:*

*Deadline is Friday, April 14, 2017*

*Mail or Email completed application to:*

*The Chamber – Junior Leadership*

*32 Commercial St.*

*Honesdale, PA 18431*

*chamber@northernpoconoschamber.com*

## **Please use this check list to complete your application.**

- I have read the criteria and instructions
  - I have completed the entire application, including essays
  - I have signed this application
  - My parent/guardian has signed the application
  - My principal has signed the application
- Junior Leadership Northern Poconos program accepts applications from sophomores who attend high school in Forest City Regional, Wallenpaupack, Wayne Highlands and Western Wayne High Schools. Students should demonstrate leadership in both school and community activities, and express interest in increasing their awareness of Wayne or Pike Counties in Pennsylvania. If selected, the student must be a junior in high school to participate beginning in September 2016.
  - Type or print neatly in blue or black ink. Thoroughly complete every section. Please limit your answers to the space provided. Do not leave a section incomplete. The quality and appearance of the materials are taken into consideration.
  - Junior Leadership Northern Poconos has a competitive selection process and due to space limitations, not all applicants will be selected. Completion of the application doesn't ensure acceptance. The Selection Committee will review all applications and assess candidate's leadership potential, interest or involvement in school and community activities and clarity and creativity in responding to application questions. Honors and awards are considered, but are not key.
  - Two reference forms must accompany the application: one school reference and one community reference. Please note that no more than one reference from school-related personnel will be accepted. A reference from your parent/guardian will not be accepted. (Typed or handwritten permitted.)
  - All applicants will be notified in writing in June of the selection Committee's decisions.
  - Questions? Contact Debbie Gillette at 570.253.1960 or [debbie@northernpoconoschamber.com](mailto:debbie@northernpoconoschamber.com)

# **JUNIOR LEADERSHIP NORTHERN POCONOS CLASS of 2018 APPLICATION**

*This application contains four pages plus two reference forms*

## **PERSONAL DATA**

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

*As you would like it to appear in listings and on official documents*

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about Junior Leadership Northern Poconos? \_\_\_\_\_

## **SCHOOL EXPERIENCE**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, list any special awards, honors or recognitions for academic, school or community-related activities that you received from 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade:

## **ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

List three volunteer, religious, social, athletic, or other activities or organizations in which you have participated during the last four years (specify years), why you've been involved and any special accomplishments.

1.

2.

3.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

List any part-time work experience, paid or volunteer, and briefly explain what duties are involved.

## **ESSAYS**

*Please be as thorough as possible and answer the following five short essays.*

1A. List one problem or opportunity facing your community today.

1B. What specific recommendations would you make to address the problem or opportunity listed above?

2. What is your greatest strength?

## ESSAYS CONTINUED

3. Write about a recent leadership experience or special responsibility and relate its effect on you.

4. Why are you interested in Junior Leadership Northern Poconos?

5. What do you hope to gain from Junior Leadership Northern Poconos?

## COMMITMENT AND SIGNATURES

Junior Leadership Northern Poconos begins with a meet and greet in September, and sessions begin in October and end in April. The time commitment is six, all day sessions (one per month except December), beginning at 8:30 AM and ending at 2:30 PM. A graduation event will be held in May. Attendance at Junior Leadership Northern Poconos is mandatory. Participants must attend all sessions and complete a community service project in order to graduate. Early dismissals are not permitted. School attendance credit will be granted for each school day session attended. Those unable to attend or fulfill the requirements will be asked to withdraw from the program.

I understand the goals and commitments of the Junior Leadership Northern Poconos program. If selected, I am willing to attend all of the required sessions/functions and devote the time necessary to be a contributing member of the class. I have no current or pending commitments that would keep me from being an active member of the class. I understand that if I fail to meet these obligations, I will be asked to withdraw from the program. I have permission from my parent/guardian and school to participate in Junior Leadership Northern Poconos.

I also have permission for my name, image and likeness, as shown in videotapes, photographs, film, electronic images, and/or audio recording to be used by Junior Leadership Northern Poconos, its assigns or successors, in whatever way they desire. Furthermore, I understand that such photographs, films, recordings, and electronic images and the plates, tapes and/or software from which they are made shall be their sole property, and they shall have the right to sell, duplicate, reproduce and make other uses of such photographs, films recordings, electronic images, plates, tapes and software as they may desire free and clear of any claim whatsoever on my part.

JLNP Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a volunteer for The Chamber of the Northern Poconos (TCNP) and/or one of its affiliated organizations, including but not limited to Leadership Northern Poconos or Junior Leadership Northern Poconos. During your volunteer activities with TCNP, if serious injury should occur that requires emergency medical assistance, you are required to report the incident to your school representative immediately. Medical expenses for the incident are payable under your health insurance provider.

## Waiver of Liability

I acknowledge that I or my dependent(s) have voluntarily applied to participate with TCNP on any of its projects without pay as a volunteer and agree that we are assuming the risk of injury or loss of life by participating.

I or my dependent(s) understand that I/they am/are voluntarily participating in various individual and group activities related to the mission of TCNP. These activities include, but are not limited to the handling of power tools, climbing ladders, loading and unloading materials, painting and other related activities. This release is intended to be broad in its effect. I hereby agree to accept any and all risk of injury, illness or death and verify this statement by placing my signature below.

As consideration for being permitted to participate in these activities, I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, legal guardians, representatives and dependents, hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waive, release and forever discharge TCNP, its officers, directors, agents and representatives from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, actions, judgments, liens, losses, costs, attorney's fees and legal expenses or liabilities of any nature (including injury to and/or death of the participant), whether negligent or intentional, resulting from participation by me or my dependents in said activities.

I hereby grant and convey unto TCNP and its affiliates all rights, titles, and interests in any and all photographic images and video or audio records made by TCNP during volunteer activities with TCNP, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or any other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings of me and/or my dependents.

I or my dependent(s) have carefully read this assumption of risk agreement and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a legal contract between TCNP and me and my dependents that affects my/our legal rights. I am signing this document of my own free will.

JLNP Candidate Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

JLNP Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Contact information in case of emergency:

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

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions or Allergies we need to be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

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## REFERENCE FORM

*The person listed is an applicant for Junior Leadership Northern Poconos. The Selection Committee attaches considerable weight to the statements made by the applicant's references. The Committee is aware of the time necessary to prepare such an assessment and gratefully acknowledges your help. Please note that no more than one reference from school-related personnel can be accepted. References from the applicant's parent/guardian will not be accepted.*

### Applicant

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reference

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

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Firm/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. What do you consider the applicant's primary talent and strength?

3. Please comment generally on the applicant's ability to communicate with others, his or her behavior in a group setting (participant or observer), interest in community affairs, and potential for becoming a community leader.

4. Please use the scale below to compare the applicant with other high school sophomores that you know.

	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unable to Judge
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Concern for others				
Responsibility				
Leadership				
Initiative				
Curiosity				
Ability to work with others				
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