



~For Sophomore and Junior Students for 2019-2020 School Year~
Application Deadline May 10, 2019

What Is Student LIFT?

Student Leadership Information For Tomorrow, LIFT, is a program of the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce. The program offers twenty-six rising sophomores and juniors who reside in Randolph County the opportunity to learn more about the area and gain valuable leadership skills.

LIFT is an exciting and unique opportunity for those selected. It is the goal of LIFT to produce leaders who are interested in their community both now and in the future.

LIFT is a highly structured six-month program in which a wide variety of resources, issues, and services will be examined. Participants will interact with business and community leaders and participate in special tours that will offer a “behind the scenes” look into local situations and decisions. Prominent individuals from the public and private sector give generously of their time, talent and knowledge to serve as speakers or panelists for these sessions.

LIFT participants will be challenged to increase their knowledge and to become actively involved in problem solving through dialogue with existing leaders in the community. The experiences in this program will have immediate, positive effects on the participants, their school, and community.

What Is The Curriculum?

LIFT consists of an orientation, followed by six daylong sessions during the course of the school year. The session topics and dates/times are indicated below:

Orientation	Wednesday, September 4, 2019	5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Ropes Course at Caraway	Saturday, September 7, 2019	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. *Mandatory session
Agriculture & Tourism	Wednesday, October 2, 2019	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Justice & Law	Wednesday, November 6, 2019	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Business & Industry	Wednesday, January 29, 2020	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Health & Human Services	Wednesday, February 26, 2020	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. *Community Service Project Due
Government	Wednesday, March 18, 2020	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Graduation Banquet	Tuesday, April 21, 2020	6 p.m.-8 p.m.

In addition, each participant accepted into the program must complete ten hours of community service, plan, organize and complete a Community Service Project, which has been approved by the Student LIFT Committee. A Community Service Project Approval form must be completed and attached to student’s application and received in the Chamber office no later than 5:00 pm on May 10, 2019.

Criteria For Selection?

The goal of the Student LIFT Committee is to select a class representative of the entire community. Those rising sophomores and juniors applying for the program should possess the following:

1. A sincere commitment, motivation, and interest to be involved and desire to learn more about their community.
2. An interest, or the intent, to seek volunteer leadership roles.
3. 100% participation commitment. Attendance at all of the sessions is required. One session may be missed with a written excuse, however attendance at the Ropes Course is mandatory. Those who do not meet the attendance requirements will not be eligible to graduate from the program.
4. This fully completed application and the Community Service Project Approval Form must be received by the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce no later than May 10, 2019. The Student LIFT Committee will review this application, and conduct interviews from which 26 participants will be chosen to participate in the 2019-2020 Student LIFT Program. Questions may be directed to Chelsey Butler or Amy Rudisill at the Chamber office located at 137 S. Fayetteville St, Asheboro, NC 27203, email: chamber@asheboro.com or by phone at (336) 626-2626.

What Is The Tuition?

Tuition to participate in Student LIFT program is \$50.00. This fee will assist with costs incurred for each session including meals, refreshments, speakers, transportation, materials, graduation and administrative fees. Each participant is responsible for payment of tuition upon acceptance into the program. Need-based scholarships are available.

Application Instructions

Please complete each section in full, limiting answers to the space available. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Application, signatures by principal, guidance counselor, parents/guardians and students must be completed and received at the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce, 137 S. Fayetteville St., Asheboro, NC 27203 no later than May 10, 2019.

PERSONAL DATA:

Name _____
First Middle Last Nickname

Home Address _____
Street/P.O. Box City State Zip Code

Home Phone() _____ Cell() _____ Email _____

OPTIONAL PERSONAL DATA: (This information is helpful in assuring we have a diverse class.) () Male () Female
Length of Residence in County _____ Birth Date ____/____/____ Ethnic Background _____

WORK EXPERIENCE: List any part-time job experiences, paid or volunteer, and briefly tell what they involved _____

Do you currently have a part-time job? () Yes () No If yes, how many hours per week do you work? _____
Will your job or any extracurricular activities interfere with attending Student LIFT's full day sessions? _____
If yes, please explain _____

PARENT-GUARDIAN DATA:

Father/Guardian Name _____ Mother/Guardian Name _____

Father/Guardian Employer _____ Mother/Guardian Employer _____

SCHOOL DATA:

High School _____ Will you be () Sophomore or () Junior at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year?

How did you learn about Student LIFT? _____

Please have your guidance counselor complete and sign the following: I recommend _____
for Student LIFT.

Print Name, Guidance Counselor

Signature, Guidance Counselor

A FEW QUESTIONS: List up to five school activities in which you have participated during the last four years:

Name of club/organization/sport	Years	Your Role
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List up to five activities that are non-school related in which you have participated during the last four years:

Name of club/organization/church/sport	Years	Your Role
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

If you have not had the opportunity to participate in such activities, why not?

() Time () Not Interested () Work () Financial Reasons () Other: _____

In your opinion, what responsibility do youth have to help solve community problems?

If you could change anything in your city, or county, what would it be and why?

Why do you want to participate in the Student LIFT?

What do you think are the 3 most important issues facing Randolph County or your city and what are your suggestions in dealing with these issues?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Which organization would you choose to commit to performing 10 hours of volunteer community service and why?

School Principal Approval: All applicants MUST have approval of their school principal to attend sessions of Student LIFT

This applicant has my approval and full support, which includes the time required to participate in the program.

Principal Name _____ School _____

Principal Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

I understand the purpose of the Student LIFT program. If selected, I fully commit to complete the program and agree to this in signing this application. A participant can be absent from no more than one class session to graduate from the program. Participation in Ropes Course is absolutely mandatory in order to be accepted into the program. Transportation to and from the Chamber for each session will be the responsibility of the student.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent /Guardian Permission

I am the parent/legal guardian of _____. I have read the information on the Student LIFT program and am willing to allow my child to participate, if selected. I hereby certify that he/she is adequately covered by an accident and health and/or hospitalization insurance policy, which is in effect during his/her participation in the activities. The coverage is by virtue of (check one of the following):

() Scholastic Accidental Insurance (offered through the school) () My (our) personal insurance policy

The Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce, its agents and its employees have my full permission and consent to transport my child by public school bus, private automobile, vans or other means of transportation in connection with all sessions of the program during the period in which he/she is a participant. I hereby release and hold harmless the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce, Asheboro City School System, Randolph County School System, and Uwharrie Charter Academy their members, agents, employees any other parties and/or individuals involved in the planning, organization or presentation of this program, from all liability for injuries, accidents, illness or any damage or related expenses whatsoever related to the student's attendance at or participation in any activity or session of Student LIFT regardless of whether or not they are adequately covered by the insurance protection certified above. Furthermore, I certify that this form grants the supervising leaders permission to seek medical assistance for my child in an emergency. In cases of special medical problems, arrangements must be made in advance with student, parents, and other officials.

Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

This application, fully completed, and including all required signatures must be received by the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce, 137 S. Fayetteville St., Asheboro, NC 27203, no later than 5:00 pm on May 10, 2019. You may also scan and email to chamber@asheboro.com, however, PLEASE call 336-626-2626 to confirm it was received. Any applications received after 5:01 pm on May 10th will NOT be considered.

**Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce
Student LIFT Community Service Project
Guidelines and Requirements**

Project Requirements

- * The project must be beneficial to a school, organization or community in Randolph County.
- * Fundraising for direct monetary solicitation from business is not allowed. However, you may ask a business for discounts or material donations to complete your project.
- * The project should be of significant magnitude and should represent the student's best possible effort.
- * The project must have a planned and measurable outcome.
- * The project must be self-funded.
- * The project must be approved and supported by the appropriate school administration and/or any other involved organization(s).

Before You Start

- * The proposed project must be approved by the Student LIFT Committee, appropriate school administration and/or organization(s) benefiting from its intended results.
- * The Project Approval Form must be completed and submitted to the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce **attached to your Student LIFT application** no later than May 10, 2019.
The form must include:
 - * Who will benefit from the project,
 - * How they will benefit,
 - * What group benefiting from the project will be contacted for approval and if necessary,
 - * Guidance in planning the project

Upon Completion

- * Upon completion of the project, students must provide a completed "Final Service Project Report Form" that includes:
 - * How the project demonstrated the student's leadership skills,
 - * Describe how the project was directed, planned and carried out,
 - * Describe how the school, organization, or community benefited from the project,
 - * Identify any associated cost and the source(s) of funding, and,
 - * Explain any deviations taken from the original plan for the project.

Your project must be completed during the period you are participating in the program. You will be informed of the date your Final Student LIFT Community Service Project Report will be due during one of the first sessions of the program. You may be selected to make a presentation detailing all aspects of the project, beginning to end, including the benefits, at your Student LIFT Graduation.

Past projects:

- Tutoring or training for local children either at school or other organization.
- Organize a community clean-up day, pick-a-park or adopt-a-highway.
- Plan and organize a walk, run or sporting event for a local non-profit.
- Plan a fun event for special needs children.
- Plan and conduct a "Change for a Change" event at your school/church to collect money to donate to your favorite cause.
- Revitalize a park by repainting or refurbishing equipment.
- Plan, organize and conduct a collection drive to assist needy families or children.
- Provide entertainment or care packages for nursing home, assisted living, hospital or Hospice patients.

A mentor from the Student LIFT Committee will be available as a resource in helping you with your community service project. They will reach out to you in August either by phone, text or email. Please utilize their experience in the planning and promoting of your project.

***Need assistance in choosing a project?
Contact the Volunteer Center of Randolph County for more ideas and
community needs at 336-626-6643 or talk to a past LIFT Graduate.***

**Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce
Student LIFT Community Service Project
Project Approval Form**

You may attach additional sheets as required to provide the information in each section.

Student's Name _____ School _____

Project Description - Describe the project that you plan to do:

What group, school, organization or community will benefit from the project?

Name of, school, organization or community

Address

City

State

Zip

Individual representing, school, organization or community

Title

Describe the benefits to designated group

Plan of Action

Plan your work describing the stages of project, the method, materials to be used, additional helpers and a time schedule for carrying out the project. The plan should also include a budget identifying estimated hours required for completion and any associated material cost and potential sources of funding.

Finally, be sure to let us know the GOAL of your project. (For instance...My goal is to get 1,000 can food items to donate to the Salvation Army or My goal is to conduct a dodge ball tournament to benefit my school raising \$1,000, etc.) What is your goal? _____

In order for your project to be successful, where do you anticipate receiving support for your project?

(Check all that apply) ()Community ()Family ()School ()Friends ()Church
()Other _____

Provide an alternative project if the above doesn't work out: _____
