2019-2020 APPLICATION
Deadline - Friday, April 19, 2019

For questions or more information:
Contact Chris Fields at the Bristol Chamber of Commerce
(423) 989-4865 or cfields@bristolchamber.org
**What is Bristol Youth Leadership?**

Bristol Youth Leadership is an eight-month leadership training program that begins with an overnight retreat and continues with monthly class sessions.

**MISSION:**

Bristol Youth Leadership believes that all youth are gifted and capable of making a positive difference in their communities. Through this program, we hope to empower selected youth as leaders and trustees of our community.

**BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM:**

- Acquire leadership skills
- New friendships
- Increased comfort in public speaking
- Better understanding of self
- Community awareness
- Résumé builder
- Spend time on local college campuses
- Assist your community in being a good place to work and live
- Receive community service hours
- Receive 2 college credits from King University

**WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:**

Throughout the program you will learn a variety of valuable leadership skills. Some of these include time management, community awareness and communication skills.

**HOW YOU WILL LEARN:**

BYL believes in a hands-on approach to learning. You will have ample opportunity to interact with various community leaders and guest speakers. You will visit and tour several community businesses, schools, and venues. There is also a community service project that enforces what the class sessions teach.

**WHO YOU WILL MEET:**

In addition to other students from Tennessee High, Virginia High, John Battle, Sullivan East, Sullivan Central, Abingdon, Cornerstone Christian Academy, Tri-Cities Christian, and students who are home schooled, you will meet numerous business and community leaders. These are valuable relationships that will assist you in the future.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:**

Bristol Youth Leadership students are assigned to a Community Service Project group to increase community awareness. These projects are submitted by various agencies and nonprofit organizations and require participants to complete research, plan various events, participate in community activities and create and give a final group presentation on their project. Students receive community service hours for their work.
Bristol Youth Leadership Program Overview
2019—2020

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

- Parent/Student Orientation
  Monday, August 5 (tentative)
- Mandatory Overnight Retreat - September 8 & 9
  (tentative)
- Monthly class sessions - (7:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.)
  October
  November
  January
  February
  March
  April
  GRADUATION—Same date as final session in April

Please note that students will miss one full day of
school per month. Students will be responsible for
any assignments missed.

SELECTION PROCESS:

- DEADLINE: All applications, permission
  forms and reference forms must be
  completed and submitted to the
  Bristol Chamber of Commerce,
  P.O. Box 519  Bristol, VA 24203.
- Applications are due by April 19, 2019.
- Permission form must be signed by a
  parent/guardian and a school principal.
- Suggested references: Teacher, Counselor,
  Youth Leader, Employer, etc.
- The BYL Steering Committee will review
  only completed applications submitted by
  the deadline.
- All applicants will be notified by email by
  June 1.
- If accepted, a tuition fee will be of $100
  required. Scholarships are available.

College Credit:
Two college credit hours can be earned through King
University. Throughout the program students will be
asked to completed two mini-assignments, as well as two
three-page papers at the end of each semester in order to
earn the college credits.

CHECKLIST:
The student (not school, teacher or reference) is
responsible for submitting the following information as
application for the program:

___ Completed application
___ Two reference forms
___ Parental permission & school approval form
  signed by your principal

Application will not be considered unless
ALL information is submitted.

EXPECTATIONS:

- Respectful and exemplary “leadership”
  behavior
- Mandatory attendance at opening retreat and
  graduation
- Attendance at monthly class sessions
- Each student is allowed 2 absences
- Completion of necessary service time outside
  of sessions

Students must meet the above requirements in
order to graduate from the program. The BYL
Steering Committee will review each situation and
make a decision regarding continued participation
in the program.
Personal Data:

Name: _____________________________________________________________________________________

(Last) (First) (Middle) (Preferred)

Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________________________________

(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone: ___________________________ Cell Phone: _____________________________

Age: ______ Date of Birth: _____________ Sex: ______ School: ______________________________ Grade:_____

(month/day/year) (current)

Student’s E-mail: ___________________________________________________________________________

Parent or Guardian E-mail: ___________________________________________________________________

Parents □Mr. □Mrs. □Ms. ___________________________________________________________________

Or

Guardians: □Mr. □Mrs. □Ms. ___________________________________________________________________

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

How did you find out about Bristol Youth Leadership? □ BYL Graduate □ Friend □ Teacher □ Counselor
□ Media □ Parent □ Other _______________________

Why do you believe Bristol Youth Leadership is for you?
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What responsibility do youth have to help solve community problems?
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ATTENDANCE/COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT PARTICIPATION:

If selected, you commit to attend the program orientation, the Opening Retreat, each of the class program
sessions and Closing Retreat/Graduation. I agree to participate in the Community Service Project that I am assigned. Full
attendance by each participant is essential if the youth leadership program is to meet its objectives. Bristol Youth Leadership
will work with schools to encourage attendance. I understand and accept the requirements for Bristol Youth Leadership.

Student Signature: _______________________________________________________ Date: _______________________
ESSAY QUESTIONS
(Please legibly handwritten answers below.)

SCHOOL, WORK, FAMILY, CHURCH & COMMUNITY SERVICE
Tell us how you have demonstrated leadership responsibilities so far in any of the above areas.
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Tell us about your greatest accomplishment to date.
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PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR________________________ (STUDENT’S NAME)

I am the parent/ legal guardian of _____________________________ (student name). I have read the information on the Bristol Youth Leadership program and am willing to have my child participate. Bristol Youth Leadership, its agents and its employees have my full permission and consent to transport and otherwise provide transportation for my child by bus, private automobile, vans or other appropriate means of transportation in connection with all sessions of Bristol Youth Leadership during the school year in which he/she is a participant.

I hereby release and hold harmless Bristol Youth Leadership, its members, agents, employees or any individual involved in the planning, organization or presentation of Bristol Youth Leadership programming, for any accident, injury, illness or damage whatsoever related to the above mentioned student’s attendance at or participation in any activity or session. I hereby agree that my child will abide by the rules set forth by the Bristol Youth Leadership program.

Parent/Legal Guardian (please print): □ Mr. □ Mrs. □ Ms. _________________________________

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: ____________________________________________________

Work Phone: _____________________________   Cell Phone: _________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________

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SCHOOL APPROVAL

All applicants MUST have the approval of a school principal or home supervisor to attend the class sessions of Bristol Youth Leadership. Please have the below information completed:

I approve the participation of _________________________ (student name) in the Bristol Youth Leadership program for the 2019-2020 school year. The student meets the criteria of being in academic good standing and in regular attendance. I am aware that this student will be required to miss one day of school per month for the duration of the program.

Please provide email for attendance contact: ________________________________________________

Administrator’s name (please print): _______________________________________________________

School: _________________________________ Telephone: _________________________________

Signature of Administrator: _________________________________ Date: _______________
Reference Form

STUDENT NAME________________________________________________________________

TO THE REFERENCE: The person listed above is an applicant for the Bristol Youth Leadership Program. It is an interactive, hands-on leadership training experience, aimed at youth who are beginning to show leadership potential and a desire to serve the community. 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 acknowledge your help. It is the student’s responsibility to return this form with completed application. Place in a sealed envelope and sign across the back for confidentiality purposes.

Name of Adult Reference: _____________________________________________ Position/Title: ___________________________

School/Business/Religious Group/Organization: ___________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________________________________________________________________

1. Length of time you have known applicant: ____________________________________________________

2. How do you know the applicant?

3. What do you consider to be the applicant’s primary talents or strengths?

4. Comment on the applicant’s relationship with his/her peers.

5. Please describe one situation where you observed the applicant in a leadership role.

Please use the scale below to compare the applicant with other high school sophomores and juniors you have known:

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