



**Press Release** - For Immediate Release

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### **BLCCoC is Now Accepting Youth Leadership Lamar Applications**

*Barnesville-Lamar County Chamber of Commerce is seeking worthy candidates for leadership opportunity*

**Barnesville, GA** - The Barnesville-Lamar County Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for the 2018 Youth Leadership Lamar (YLL) program. This two week opportunity provides leadership development and community awareness training for current 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in Lamar County and will be held from July 13-30. Applicants may attend any school, but must reside in Lamar County. YLL is funded by local Lamar County businesses in order to allow those students interested to be able to attend at no cost.

The program is designed to expose, educate, and motivate potential young leaders and enable them to take an active role in their community. Aspiring youth leaders have the opportunity during the program to interact with community leaders, local elected officials, and local businessmen and women to enhance their awareness of community needs and resources. Through engaging workshops, special tours, and community service projects, YLL participants will develop the knowledge and skills necessary to become confident, caring leaders in their community and schools.

Criteria and deadlines are outlined below:

- Applicants must live in a household in Lamar County.
- Students must be recommended by a teacher, counselor, administrator, employer, or local business. Recommendation forms can be found at [www.barnesville.org](http://www.barnesville.org) or picked up at the Chamber of Commerce.
- Open to current (2017-1018) sophomores, juniors, and seniors.
- Recipients will be selected by the Board of Directors based on their application and nominations.
- Students must demonstrate leadership potential in their school or community.
- Minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Willing to participate in community service activities.
- Willing to participate in all sessions during the Youth Leadership Lamar class. Students can only miss one class during the two week process to graduate from YLL.
- Complete the application in its entirety.
- Applications must be delivered to the Chamber of Commerce office by June 1, 2018.

The YLL Class of 2018 will kick-off on Friday, July 13, with an Induction Ceremony followed by classes, tours and activities from July 14-28. Students will participate in a graduation ceremony and dinner on July 30.

Applications for the YLL program are available at [www.barnesville.org](http://www.barnesville.org) or at the Barnesville-Lamar County Chamber of Commerce and must be received by the deadline to: P.O. Box 506, Barnesville, GA 30204. For further information about YLL sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kathryn Claxton: [kathryn@srivers.net](mailto:kathryn@srivers.net), 770-358-1383 ext. 348.