



## JUNIOR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

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### OVERVIEW

The Junior Ambassador Program seeks to reach out to those youth who are the next generation of leaders for the City of Madison. A key component of the program is leadership training - allowing the students to practice their own unique styles of leadership in a group environment while furthering the mission of Madison the City Chamber of Commerce, which is to support, promote and attract business for the advancement of economic vitality and quality of life for the total community.

Throughout the year-long program, students explore our community – its resources, leadership needs, issues and opportunities. They share ideas and learn what it takes to work together and to become decision-makers. They examine how to develop the abilities and skills needed to be responsible participants in community affairs. This program is designed to motivate students to think seriously about the role they would like to play and the difference they can make in their community.

### GUIDELINES

As participants in the program, Junior Ambassadors will have the opportunity to become involved in city-wide events, tour local businesses, and hear from key note speakers in our community. Student involvement is required and closely monitored throughout the year; therefore, the Chamber utilizes a point system to measure each Junior Ambassador's level of participation.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Eligible candidates for the 2018-19 Junior Ambassador Program include students who will be enrolling in the eleventh or twelfth grade at one of the participating high schools. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of a 3.0 is required.

The following content must be submitted by **March 2** to become eligible for admission into the program:

- 1) 2018-19 Application Form (attached)
- 2) Short Answer Form (see attached)
- 3) Entry Essay (see attached)
- 4) Two letters of recommendation (*one source must be obtained from your high school and one source must be obtained from a community mentor*)
- 5) Proof of GPA –

### MEMBERSHIP

Those who are accepted into the program will be notified by a letter distributed to the schools. Members will be required to pick-up guidelines from the chamber office and turn in \$25 membership fee. This will cover your nametag and a t-shirt.



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2018-19 APPLICATION FORM

\_\_\_\_ Returning JA

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School (Fall 2018) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level (Fall 2018) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (*if different*) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ T shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Contact in case of emergency:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

See other side for essay questions.

**The deadline to submit applications is Friday, March 2, 2018.**

Detach and return the completed application form to the Chamber office, located at 2023 Main Street in Madison, or mail to:

Madison the City Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 544  
Madison, MS 39130



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Submit Short Answer Form (typed) and Entry Essay (typed) on two separate sheets.

### **SHORT ANSWER FORM**

- 1) List and describe three qualities that your peers associate with you. Describe your key strength and weakness.
- 2) List all extra-curricular activities that you have been involved in during your high school career. Explain the importance of these activities.
- 3) List all honors and awards that you have received during your high school career. Explain how these distinctions were achieved.

### **ENTRY ESSAY**

*Your response to the question below must be submitted in essay format.  
(1,000 word requirement)*

**Why do you aspire to be a Junior Ambassador and represent Madison the City Chamber of Commerce?**