



JUNIOR AMBASSADOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

The Junior Ambassador Leadership 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 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. The program is divided into "semesters" which are the Summer Semester, First Semester and Second Semester, which coincide with the school calendar.

QUALIFICATIONS

Eligible candidates for the 2020-21 Junior Ambassador Program include students who will be enrolling in the eleventh or twelfth grade at one of the participating high schools.

The following content must be submitted by **March 20** to become eligible for admission into the program:

- 1) 2020-21 Application Form (attached)
- 2) Short Answer Form (see attached)
- 3) Entry Essay (see attached)
- 4) One letter of recommendation (*i.e. source from your high school or a community member*)

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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2020-21 APPLICATION FORM

____ Returning JA

Name _____

School (Fall 2020) _____

Grade Level (Fall 2020) _____ 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 20, 2020.

Detach and return the completed application form in person 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) What is the Chamber of Commerce?

ENTRY ESSAY

Your response to the questions below must be submitted in essay format.

Why do you aspire to be a Junior Ambassador and represent Madison the City Chamber of Commerce? What do you hope to gain from being a member of this program.

Career Path you are interested in pursuing: _____