



Youth Leadership Dawson County

YOUTH LEADERSHIP DAWSON COUNTY APPLICATION

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Enrollment as a student in a Dawson County school or home schooled in the same school district's areas.
- Applications must be submitted during the spring of the sophomore year for participation as juniors.
- Students selected must commit to full participation in the program of one day a month during the months of September - May.
- Participants must have a desire to develop and utilize leadership skills.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Applications must be typed and submitted to dawsonareadirector@gmail.com. Subject line should read: **2018 Youth Leadership Dawson County Application.**
***PRINT OFF THE FINAL PAGE IN HARD COPY TO OBTAIN NEEDED SIGNATURES AND DELIVER TO DAWSON AREA DEVELOPMENT AT THE ADDRESS BELOW OR SCAN AND EMAIL TO dawsonareadirector@gmail.com. APPLICATION AND SIGNATURE PAGE CAN BE SENT SEPARATELY BUT BOTH NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY DAWSON AREA DEVELOPMENT BY JUNE 1, 2018 TO BE CONSIDERED AS A COMPLETE APPLICATION.**
- Complete the application with all the necessary signatures. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
- Completed applications and all letters of reference are due by June 1, 2018 at 5:00pm.

Submit applications to:

Dawson Area Development
Attn: Youth Leadership Dawson County
Andrea McClintic
1501 Plum Creek Parkway, Ste 5
Lexington, NE 68850

SELECTION PROCESS

- A committee of Leadership Dawson County adult alumni will review applications in confidence. All applicants will be notified in writing no later than July 1, 2018 as to their acceptance to the program. Each year 25 students will be selected to participate in Youth Leadership Dawson County. **Student's personal information that might identify the candidate is not revealed to the committee members.**

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Attendance is required at all sessions and the opening retreat. The sessions will be held during the day until approximately 3:00 p.m. during the months of September - May and should not interfere with after school activities, with the exception of the State Government Day. Every effort will be made to avoid conflicts with the other school functions. Your teachers and coaches are aware of this program and your absence from school during these sessions will be allowed. One excused absence from the program may be allowed under certain pre-arranged circumstances. Participation is a privilege, so attendance is your responsibility.
- Participation in a Youth Leadership Dawson County community project.

PROGRAM FUNDING

- Participation in Youth Leadership Dawson County has no cost to the individual youth participants. Full scholarships of \$175.00 will be arranged for every student with area businesses and service clubs. Selected youth are responsible for reporting their progress in the program to their sponsor throughout the year.

PERSONAL DATA

First Name:

Last Name:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Mailing Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Email:

School Name:

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Parent Cell:

Parent Email:

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VISION

Youth Leadership Dawson County is designed to assist participants in developing leadership skills and in expanding their awareness of the social, economic, and political challenges facing Dawson County. Dawson Area Development believes that each participant has the potential to become a leader and valuable decision-maker in the future.

Please explain what you hope to gain by participating in Youth Leadership Dawson County?

How do you believe citizens can contribute to the betterment of their community?

What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing young people in Dawson County? What would you suggest as a solution for this issue? *(Be sure to include a suggested solution)*

What are your long-range goals? Where do you see yourself in ten years?

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Are you currently volunteering anywhere? Yes No

List any past or present volunteer experiences including dates volunteered and job duties. If you do not have volunteer experiences, where would you like to volunteer in your community and why? You are not limited to the available fields below as you may continue to add additional lines.

Organization/Activity:

Job Duties:

Dates:

WORK EXPERIENCE

Do you currently have a job? Yes No

If not, please explain what activities occupy your time outside of school.

List any past or present job experiences including dates of employment and duties, start with your most recent.

Employer:

Job(s):

Dates:

AWARDS AND HONORS

List any awards, honors, or recognition for academic, school or community related activities received from the 7th through 10th grades. You are not limited to the available fields below as you may continue to add additional lines.

Award/Honor/Recognition:

Dates:

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list any school, religious, social, athletic, hobbies or other activities or organizations in which you have participated in from 7th through 10th grade. You are not limited to the available fields below as you may continue to add additional lines.

Organization/Activity:

Leadership Responsibility/Involvement:

Grade(s):

References

Two letters of reference are **required**. Please include your sealed letters of reference with your application or have your reference email their letter directly to DAD at dawsonareadirector@gmail.com. Subject line should read: **2018 Leadership Dawson County Student's Name Reference Letter**. References are recommended from someone who knows you well, other than a parent or relative. Your high school principal, counselor, teacher, coach, scout leader, church leader, etc. often make good references.

If you have questions, please contact Andrea McClintic, Dawson Area Development, at 308-217-0004 or via email at dawsonareadirector@gmail.com.

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***THIS PAGE MAY BE PHYSICALLY MAIL/DELIVERED OR SCANNED AND EMAILED SEPARATELY FROM THE REST OF THE APPLICATION. DEADLINE IS ALSO JUNE 1, 2018 TO BE CONSIDERED A COMPLETE APPLICATION)**

Applicant Commitment

“I understand the purposes of the Youth Leadership Dawson County program. If I am selected, I will devote my time and resources to complete the program. My attendance is expected at all sessions and the opening retreat. If I miss more than one session, I understand that I may be asked to withdraw from the program. The class will be required to participate in a community project. In signing this application, I understand and accept these commitments and agree to honor them.

Furthermore, I understand that my conduct at all times represents the Youth Leadership Dawson County Program, Dawson Area Development, my school and community. As a role model, I pledge to make positive decisions that would be expected from an up and coming leader on my campus and in my community. I understand that inappropriate or illegal conduct outside of Youth Leadership Dawson County activities may lead to my dismissal from the program.”

Print Name of Applicant/Student

Date

Signature of Applicant/Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Parent/Guardian Phone Number

Parent/Guardian Email

Principal's Agreement

Applicant's GPA (Grade Point Average) is _____ on a _____ point scale. “I support this student's application to Youth Leadership Dawson County and understand that the student will participate in a one-day session each month, September through May and the student will not be in class those days.”

Signature of Administrator

Date