



2023 - 2024

Youth Leadership Baldwin Application Packet

Information and Overview

Have you ever wondered where your water comes from? Have you visited the State Capitol in Atlanta? Have you ever wanted to see the inside of a fire station? Do you enjoy meeting and interacting with students from other schools and key influential people in Milledgeville and Baldwin County? If you answered yes to these questions, then Youth Leadership Baldwin is for you!

Youth Leadership Baldwin (YLB) is for high school juniors in Baldwin County who want to develop their leadership skills, broaden their network, and make an impact in their community. Do you have leadership potential or desire to learn more about leadership and opportunities in Baldwin County? Then apply to this program!

The purpose of YLB is to teach students leadership skills, increase their social and professional network and create community awareness, so they have a better understanding of the community resources, opportunities, issues, and other factors influencing Baldwin County's future. Participation in this program will require your time, energy, and commitment.

We appreciate your interest in YLB. Before completing the attached application form, you are strongly encouraged to review all the information carefully, including the attendance requirements. If you are selected to participate, you will be required to attend the mandatory kick-off meeting **Sunday, September 17th from 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm** on the front campus of Georgia College. Parents/guardians are invited to attend from 1:00 pm –1:30 pm to learn about expectations and logistics of YLB.

Eligibility/Criteria

Students who are currently enrolled in their junior year and who attend Baldwin High School, EBLA, Georgia College Early College, Georgia Military College Preparatory School, and John Milledge Academy are eligible to apply.

All Applicants must:

- Be in good academic standing.
- Be enrolled in their junior year for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
- Be responsible for the \$100 tuition payment if selected, which is due by the first class.
 - o Need-based scholarships are available. The scholarship application must be submitted with the YLB application to be eligible to receive financial assistance (attached to application).
- Receive permission to participate from parent/guardian and appropriate school officials.
- Be able to adhere to the attendance policy. The policy states that you cannot miss more than **two of the sessions to be able to graduate from the program with the current class**. To be counted for attendance, you must be present for at least two-thirds of the session.

Selection Process

To be considered for selection, students must fulfill these application requirements:

- Complete the entire application form with all necessary signatures. There are limited spots available, so applying for the Youth Leadership Baldwin program does **NOT** mean the student will be accepted. A selection committee will notify all applicants of their status.
- Ensure the completed application is turned in to your counselor by Tuesday, **August 29th**.
- Be prepared to have an interview with Milledgeville-Baldwin County Chamber representatives and/or members of the Leadership Baldwin Committee. Interviews will be held at each of the respective schools.

Class Structure

YLB will start in September with a mandatory orientation and team-building session and will end in April. There will be one class per month and the times and duration of the classes will vary depending on the topic that day.

Class Days

- Kick-off Meeting- Teambuilding
- Finance 101
- Infrastructure
- Georgia State Capitol Tour
- All About Milly
- Healthcare
- Business Development & Industry
- Public Safety

Expectations

- YLB classes will be held during school hours and each school's principal, or head of school has allowed this to be an excused absence. The YLB participants are responsible for completing any work they may miss.
- Punctuality. Part of being a leader is being respectful of others' time, which includes other participants in the program and the community leaders, who help put this program together.
- Dress Code - Each participant will wear khaki, black or blue pants and a YLB shirt, which will be provided.
- All program communication is done electronically. Each student is required to join the Remind text messaging app to maintain correspondence with the group.

Code of Conduct

All participants will be expected to follow guidelines of behaviors outlined in their respective school's code of conduct policies. Failure to display model citizenship or to uphold codes of conduct as a member of YLB may be cause for immediate dismissal from the YLB program as determined by the Leadership Baldwin Committee.

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Tentative Schedule*

- **Sunday, September 17** - Kick-off Meeting – Teambuilding - Mandatory (Tuition Due)
- **Thursday, October 5** - First Class Day
- **Thursday, November 2** - Second Class Day
- **Tuesday, December 5** - Third Class Day
- **Thursday, January 18** - Fourth Class Day
- **February** - Fifth Class Day - Atlanta Trip
 - o Date TBD pending local representatives' availability and legislative session.
- **Thursday, March 7** - Sixth Class Day
- **Thursday, April 18** - Seventh and Last Class Day

* The dates are subject to change, but we will make every effort to keep the dates listed above. If any date changes, we will ensure to give ample notification of the change.

** Most classes will be held 10:00 am - 3:00 pm during school hours. There will be a couple of class days that will be all day (ex. Atlanta Trip in February from 6:00 am - 5:00 pm).



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Please turn in the completed applications to your counselors **by Tuesday, August 29th** - no exceptions.

Personal Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ MI: _____

Nickname or Name by which you prefer to be called: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Shirt Size: _____

High School: _____ Birthdate: _____

GPA: _____ Dual Enrollment: Yes _____ No _____ AP/Honors Classes: Yes _____ No _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: _____

College or University you plan to attend: _____

Organizations and activities: List up to five school, volunteer, religious, social, athletic, or other organizations or activities in which you have participated since your freshman year.

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Work Experience: List any part-time job you have held and briefly explain your responsibilities.

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Describe yourself: Include additional pages if necessary.



General Information

How did you learn about Youth Leadership Baldwin?

- Youth Leadership Graduate
- Friend
- Teacher
- Counselor
- Social Media
- Parent
- Website
- Other _____

Why do you want to participate in Youth Leadership Baldwin? What benefits do you hope to gain and what contributions can you make to the program?

What goals (personal, educational, career, etc.) have you set for your future?

What do you believe is the role and responsibility of a community leader?

In your opinion, what is the greatest challenge or problem facing youth today?

In your opinion, what are the two most challenging issues facing Baldwin County today? Please describe in detail.

1.

2.

In your opinion, what characteristics should a leader possess? How do you strive to meet those characteristics?



Applicant's Commitment

I understand the purposes and requirements of the Youth Leadership Baldwin program. If I am selected, I will participate as required to complete the program. Even though emergencies do arise, I understand that if I miss more than two of the sessions, I will not be eligible to graduate from the program with the current class. To be counted for attendance, I understand that I need to be present for at least two-thirds of the session.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

As a **parent or guardian**, I understand the requirements of the Youth Leadership Baldwin program and support the applicant in participating in this program. I also understand by signing, I give my permission for the applicant to participate in the sessions, which will include travel to and from various locations (Atlanta included) and touring different facilities in Baldwin County.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Principal or Head of School's Agreement

I support this student's application to Youth Leadership Baldwin and understand the attendance requirements of the program.

Signature of Principal or Head of School: _____ **Date:** _____



Youth Leadership Baldwin Scholarship Application

Please Type or Print Clearly:

(Only complete this form if you are applying for a program scholarship that will cover a portion of the tuition.)

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Estimated Household Income:

_____ \$20,000 or less

_____ \$21,000 - \$30,000

_____ \$31,000 - \$50,000

_____ \$51,000 or Above

Please include the following information with your application:

- **A 200 word or less essay demonstrating financial need and expressing reason for deserving a scholarship**

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____