

# 2018 Youth Leadership Butler Application



**LEADERSHIP  
BUTLER**

*Taking leaders to the next level*

## What is Youth Leadership Butler?

Youth Leadership Butler (a function of Leadership Butler, Inc.) is an interactive leadership program for high school juniors. **Students apply during their sophomore year** to this program that empowers and motivates them to become more involved in issues facing Butler County youth. Providing tools to assist them in taking an active role in making a difference in their schools and communities. Participants will:

1. Gain hands on leadership development, learn and enhance leadership skills and become aware of the potential to try new things in a creative way
2. Become more prepared for personal leadership transformations
3. Have a better understanding of communities in Butler County and the issues that face these communities

## Objectives of Youth Leadership Butler

1. To provide a unique training atmosphere in a creative way to learn or enhance leadership skills to be used in all aspects of the student's life – school, home and volunteer activities
2. To provide tools needed to meet challenges they may face, and encourage the group to meet those challenges
3. To become aware of the communities and schools in Butler County and understand that each has unique opportunities
4. To bring youth from across Butler County together for a common reason – to develop a bond with the group that will last a lifetime
5. To come together with a shared idea to benefit children in Butler County through the planning and implementation of a class project – using and applying skills and tools learned throughout sessions

## Commitment of the Participant to the Youth Leadership Butler Program

1. By submitting this application a participant is committing to be part of the Youth Leadership Butler program and go through the selection process. **If you can not commit – DO NOT APPLY!** It is important that all applicants read the necessary requirements before submitting their application for process.
2. Applying for the program does not mean the student will be accepted. A selection committee will make that determination and all applicants will be notified of their application status.
3. Once selected to the Youth Leadership Butler program, it is the responsibility of the student to make necessary arrangements with their respective extra-curricular activities and commitments in order to attend each of the sessions – students are expected to attend all sessions.
4. As a participant you are required to attend all sessions. However, in the event of an unavoidable absence, a **letter of reason** must be sent to the Leadership Butler office – addressed to the Leadership Butler Board of Trustees – within one week of the missed session (one week prior if the student knows about it and one week after if it is an illness, etc.) If two sessions are missed and/or if the student does not actively participate in the class project, the participant will not graduate from the program.
5. A tuition is not expected from the student, unless the student is home schooled. The tuition cost per student is \$150 and is the responsibility of the home schooled student. **Scholarships may be available.**



## IV. General

What do you hope to gain from your Youth Leadership Butler experience and why should you be chosen for the program?

In your judgment, what are the three most pressing problems facing Butler County Youth today? Briefly explain your selections along with any recommendation you have for approaching and resolving these problems.

Applications must be received by *April 20, 2018* and are subject to confidential evaluation. Applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee results as soon as they are completed. Applying does not mean you are a participant. If you are unable to participate in ALL sessions, please do not submit an application. By submitting an application, you are committing to all of the requirements of the program IF SELECTED. A listing of those persons selected will be released to the news media prior to the first session. **Students may be photographed and/or interviewed for educational and/or public relations for Leadership Butler, Inc in news and social media.** Your signature provides this authorization. **BOTH YOUR SIGNATURE AND YOUR PARENT'S SIGNATURE ARE REQUIRED.**

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

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NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN (*Please Print*)

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DATE

Return Application Form to:

**No faxes accepted**

Youth Leadership Butler

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