

Application for Participation



The Chamber
HARLINGEN ★ TEXAS



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Please type or print.

1. Personal Data

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Youth Leadership Harlingen gives you the opportunity to use and strengthen your leadership skills and learn more about your community. It is not based on academic merit or athletic ability; it is based on character and interest in your community, and a desire to shape ideas and attitudes in other people. You may not think of yourself as a leader, but if you are interested in improving your community, you have something to offer.

Application Must Be Filled Out Completely.

Application Must Be Turned In to the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce (311 E. Tyler) or via email at alaniz@harlingen.com. The application is also available online at Harlingen.com

Meetings will be held at the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce located at 311 E. Tyler in Harlingen.

Applications Will Not Be Accepted After September 21, 2018.

2. Applicant Information

High School: _____

School Grade: 10th 11th 12th Gender: Male Female

Main Areas of Interest in Studies: _____

Have You Applied to Youth Leadership Harlingen in the Past? Yes No

3. Organizations and Activities

Please list in order of importance to you up to four activities or organizations in which you have participated in the last three years. (School, community, athletics, volunteer, social, religious, etc.)

Begin with your most recent degrees and/or specialized training and list in reverse chronological order:

Organization	Grade	Leadership Responsibility	School
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

4. Recognitions

Please list up to three special awards, honors or recognitions for academic, school or community-related activities you have received in the last three years.

Recognition, Honors or Awards

5. Work Experience

List any part-time job experience, paid or volunteer, and briefly explain what it involved.

Do you currently have a part-time job? Yes No If so, how many hours per week do you work? _____

Would your job interfere with your attendance at Youth Leadership Harlingen? Yes No

6. Short Answer Questions

How did you learn about Youth Leadership Harlingen?

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

1. In your opinion, what are the three most important characteristics of a leader? Why?

2. Describe a characteristic/trait that other people may value in you.

3. How can you be a role model for your community?

4. If you could change anything about your school/community, what would it be and why?

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

7. Attendance Policy

A total of six sessions are held for Youth Leadership Harlingen. The session dates are available on Harlingen.com and included with this application, or may be obtained from the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce. **Each session beings promptly at 8:30 a.m. and ends by 3:30 p.m.** *Extenuating circumstances which require you to miss all or part of a session may be submitted to the Harlingen Chamber Youth Leadership program for consideration. Note: Students will not be allowed to leave during a session without the written permission of parent or guardian.*

Parent or Legal Guardian

Name: _____ Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

In case of an emergency contact:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

I have read the attendance policy and session dates for the program. Applicant has my approval to attend all sessions of Youth Leadership Harlingen.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____
Date

I have read the attendance policy and session dates for the program. I am willing to commit my personal time to participate in Youth Leadership Harlingen, and make a commitment to attend each one of the program sessions.

Signature of Applicant _____
Date

Applications Will Not Be Accepted After September 21, 2018. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Applicants will be reviewed in confidence.

All applicants will be notified in writing of the selection committee's decision.



Reference Form 1

Please type or print

To The Applicant:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle: _____

To The Reference:

The person named above is an applicant for Youth Leadership Harlingen. The Selection Committee attaches considerable weight to the statements made by the references of the applicant. The committee is aware of the time necessary to prepare such an assessment and gratefully acknowledges your help.

Please return this form by **September 21, 2018** to: Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce
Youth Leadership Harlingen

Do not return to the applicant.

Attn: Alexis Alaniz
311 East Tyler
Harlingen, Texas 78550
aaalaniz@harlingen.com

Name of Reference: _____

Position/Title: _____

School/Firm/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

1. For how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. Tell us something you find unique about the applicant.

3. What are the first three (3) words that come to mind in describing the applicant?

Additional Comments:

Reference Signature: _____



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Program Overview

2018-2019

What is Youth Leadership Harlingen?

Youth Leadership Harlingen is a program for students who want to further develop leadership skills and to become more knowledgeable about the various elements that form a strong and dynamic community. It is a program of the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District.

Through a series of discussions and activities, students will become familiar with community needs and resources. They will increase awareness of current issues, community problems and opportunities by interacting with community leaders.

Eligibility

Sophomores, juniors and seniors who attend school in the Harlingen and surrounding areas and are residents of Harlingen are eligible. Interested students should:

- Demonstrate leadership in school or community activities
- Express an interest in knowing more about the community
- Commit to 100% attendance at all sessions

Selection Criteria

All class members will be selected by the Youth Leadership Harlingen Committee, the Committee shall target individuals:

- with a sincere commitment, motivation and interest to serve in the community.
- who are interested in seeking, or intending to seek key volunteer leadership roles in the future.
- who seek potential opportunities for advancement to top leadership positions in their schools.
- who represent all segments of the community
- with demonstrated leadership qualities or potential for development of those qualities.

Selection Process

Using the objectives of Youth Leadership Harlingen as a guide, the Selection Committee will:

- Review all applications equally and fairly.
- Choose a class of participants who represent a variety of schools, class levels, and areas of interests.
- All applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision in writing.

Tuition

If accepted into the Youth Leadership Harlingen Program, a tuition fee of **\$150 for students enrolled in a HCISD school and \$200 for students outside the district**, will be used to offset the cost of meals and program materials. Please indicate on the application if you are applying for tuition assistance. Your request will be reviewed by the Harlingen Chamber Staff & Board of Directors. **Tuition payments are due by Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at Orientation.**

Attendance Policy

- 1. ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED AT ALL SESSIONS.**
- If an emergency arises, a written request must be submitted to Miss Alaniz for consideration as to whether the absence is excused.
- The H.C.I.S.D. has approved any Youth Leadership school day session as an "excused absence". **HOWEVER, PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED AND STUDENTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY MISSED WORK.**

Program Calendar

Students selected to the Youth Leadership program will be expected to attend all sessions. The tentative schedule is as follows:

- Orientation (MANDATORY for students and parents): Wednesday, October 3, 2018
from 5:30pm- 6:00pm.
- ROPES (MANDATORY): Saturday, October 13, 2018
- Health & Human Services: Monday, November 5, 2018
- Business & Education: Monday, December 3, 2018
- Government & Criminal Justice: Monday, January 14, 2019
- Agriculture & Industry: Monday, February 4, 2019
- Creativity, Culture & Quality of Life: Monday, March 4, 2019
- Graduation Banquet: April 2019-Date TBA



Youth Leadership Harlingen Contact Information

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