

Submission Instructions

Deadline:
Friday, April 6, 2018

Youth Leadership Eau Claire is a program that gives area high school students a chance to enhance their knowledge and develop leadership skills that will empower and motivate them to become involved and committed to their community.

Students from Altoona, Augusta, Fall Creek, Memorial, North or Regis high school or Wildlands Charter school who will be juniors during the 2018-2019 school year are eligible to apply.

Selection Process

The YLEC Selection Committee will select 36 participants for the program based on the application and references. **The Selection Committee will be unaware of the identity of the candidates.** Participants will be notified of acceptance in May 2018. An orientation session will be held in June for all participants and their parents or guardians. No material fee is due before acceptance.

How to Apply

1. Complete the **first three** pages of the application.
If your application is not complete, your application may not be considered.
2. Sign your name at the bottom of page three.
3. Prepare and attach your essays to your application.
4. Request that your references complete the forms (pages four and five) and send them directly to the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce or to a school representative.
5. Request that your high school principal complete the permission form (page six) and send it directly to the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce or to a school representative.
6. If needed, complete the scholarship application, which can be downloaded at www.eauclairechamber.org. Click on the YLEC link and then on the Application and Tuition tab. This form will not be part of the application reviewed by the Selection Committee. To have a form emailed to you, please email your request to seelen@eauclairechamber.org
7. Applications must be submitted by April 6, 2018.

Mail the application packet to:

Becky Seelen
Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1107
Eau Claire, WI 54702-1107

Deliver to your school representative:

Jay Mielke - Altoona High School
Ashley Calderwood - Augusta High School
Laura Volbrecht - Fall Creek High School
Kimberly Roffers - Memorial High School (student services)
Deanna Fuller - North High School (student services)
Eric Nelson - Regis High School

Questions? Contact Becky Seelen 715-858-0615 or email seelen@eauclairechamber.org

Please respond to the following questions and attach your completed essays to your application. Be sure to type your response, using no less than 10 point type. This essay will be an important part of the selection process.

A. Youth Leadership Eau Claire

Describe what it takes to be a leader and provide an example of when you demonstrated one or more of these skills. (Maximum one page, double spaced.)

B. Perseverance

Every obstacle we face in life comes with an opportunity to learn something new. Describe a challenge that you have faced, how you persevered and what you learned from the experience. (Maximum half page, double spaced)

C. Future

What do you see yourself doing in 10 years? (Maximum half page, double spaced)

Parent/Guardian Permission

If accepted, my son/daughter has permission to participate in this program. I understand that this includes an overnight opening retreat on July 26-27, 2018, and the following program days on Wednesdays, September 12, October 13, November 7, December 5, 2018, February 6, March 6, April 10 and May 22, 2019. I understand, that the superintendents of the Altoona, Augusta, Eau Claire and Fall Creek school districts and the president of the Regis Catholic Schools have approved these days as excused absences.

I also give my permission for my son/daughter's photo to be used on the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce's website and in marketing materials.

Materials Fee and Financial Assistance

If selected, my son/daughter will be billed for the material fees of \$100, which is payable in full by June 1, 2018. Youth Leadership Eau Claire has financial assistance available for individuals who demonstrate a need. If my son/daughter requires financial assistance to participate in the program, I understand that he/she must include a separate short statement indicating why he/she needs financial assistance. The Selection Committee will not be made aware of his or her financial status.

Name of parent/guardian (please print)

Signature

Date

Student Agreement

I certify that the answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I am a high school student who will be in the 11th grade in the 2018-2019 academic year, who attends school at Altoona, Augusta, Fall Creek, Eau Claire Memorial, North or Regis High School or Wildlands Charter school.

Attendance

If selected, I commit to attending the opening retreat, all the sessions and the graduation. I understand that I will be billed for the material fees of \$100. Full attendance by each participant is essential for Youth Leadership Eau Claire graduation. The program dates are July 26-27, 2018, and Wednesdays, September 12, October 13, November 7, December 5, 2018, February 6, March 6, April 10 and May 22.

Photograph Release

I also give my permission for my photograph to be used on the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce's website and in YLEC marketing materials.

Name of applicant (please print)

Signature of applicant

Date

If you are unable to mail the application to the Chamber office, you may leave your completed application with one of the following by April 6, 2018:

Jay Mielke, Altoona High School
Ashley Calderwood, Augusta High School
Laura Volbrecht, Fall Creek High School

Kimberly Roffers, Memorial High School (student services)
Deanna Fuller, North High School (student services)
Eric Nelson, Regis High School

All applications and reference forms must be received by April 6, 2018.



Educator Reference

Applicant will not be considered unless all forms are received by April 6, 2018.

Part I: To be completed by the applicant

Name First MI Last

School

I understand that the information provided by the reference will be kept confidential and will not be divulged to me at any time.

Signature of applicant Date

Part II: To be completed by Educator

Name First MI Last

School Work Phone Email

The above student is an applicant for Youth Leadership Eau Claire. The program is designed to enhance knowledge of and develop leadership skills in a diverse group of area high school students that empower and motivate them to become involved and committed to their community. The sessions feature a lively combination of speakers, small group experiences, tours and a community service project.

1. Give examples of the applicant's primary talents or strengths.

2. Give one example where this student can improve.

3. What would this student contribute to the program?

4. Why is this opportunity important for the student?

5. Does this student have the capacity to benefit from leadership training? Please explain.

Signature Date

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Community Reference

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Part I: To be completed by the applicant

Name _____
First MI Last

School _____

I understand that the information provided by the reference will be kept confidential and will not be divulged to me at any time.

 Signature of applicant Date

Part II: To be completed by Community Reference (not a teacher, parent or relative)

Name _____
First MI Last

Address _____ Phone _____ Work _____

Relation to Student _____

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1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

2. Give examples of the applicant's primary talents or strengths. _____

3. Give one example where this student can improve. _____

4. What would this student contribute to the program? _____

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Principal Permission

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To be completed by the Principal

All applicants must have approval from their current school principal to attend the sessions of Youth Leadership Eau Claire.

Please have your principal sign below.

I approve of the participation of _____ (student name) in the Youth Leadership Eau Claire Program for 2018-2019. The student meets the criteria of being academically sound and in good standing.

Principal Name _____

School _____

Signature of Principal _____ Date _____

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