



**BRISTOL**  
TENNESSEE \* VIRGINIA  
Chamber of Commerce

**Bristol Youth Leadership  
Application Packet  
2011-2012**



**DEADLINE MAY 10, 2011**

# Bristol Youth Leadership Program Overview

## 2011-2012

### MISSION:

Bristol Youth Leadership believes that all youth are gifted and capable of making a positive difference in their communities. Through this program, we hope to empower selected youth as leaders and trustees of our community. Leadership involves serving the common good and promoting the welfare of our local world communities and empowering others to also make a life-long commitment to this vital cause.

### QUESTIONS???:

Call Tiffany Goforth at (423) 989-4850 or email [tgoforth@bristolchamber.org](mailto:tgoforth@bristolchamber.org)

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Orientation & Overnight Retreat - September

Class Sessions:

BYL meets October—March from 7:30am-2:30pm.

Graduation will be held in March at 7:00pm.

### SELECTION PROCESS:

- ◆ **DEADLINE:** All applications, permission forms and reference forms must be completed and received at the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 519 Bristol, VA 24203. **Applications are due no later than May 10, 2011.**
- ◆ Suggested references: Teacher, Counselor, Youth Leader, etc.
- ◆ The Selection Committee will review only completed applications submitted by the deadline.
- ◆ All applicants will be notified of selections by July 2011. If accepted, a tuition fee will be required. Scholarships are available.



### CHECKLIST:

The student (not school, teacher or reference) is responsible for submitting the following information as application for the program:

Completed application

Two reference forms

Parental permission & school approval form.

**Application will not be considered unless ALL information is submitted.**

### EXPECTATIONS:

- ◆ Respectful and exemplary "leadership" behavior.
- ◆ Mandatory attendance at opening retreat, at regular meetings and graduation.
- ◆ Completion of necessary service time outside of sessions.

Students must meet the above requirements in order to graduate from the program. The BYL Steering Committee will review each situation and make a decision regarding continued participation in the program.

# What is Bristol Youth Leadership?

Bristol Youth Leadership is a seven-month leadership training program that begins with an overnight retreat and continues with monthly class sessions.

From a BYL students point of view:

## **BYL ALUMS:**

The Alums are students who have graduated from the program and applied to participate another year. They will facilitate different activities with the first year participants but they also have their own curriculum.

## **WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:**

Throughout the seven months of the program you will learn a variety of valuable leadership skills. Some of these include time management, community awareness and business ethics.

## **BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM:**

- ◆ Acquire leadership skills
- ◆ New friendships
- ◆ Spend time on several local college campuses
- ◆ Increased comfort in public speaking
- ◆ Better understanding of self
- ◆ Community awareness
- ◆ Resume builder
- ◆ Assist your community in being a good place to work and live
- ◆ Receive 2 college credits from King College

## **HOW YOU WILL LEARN:**

BYL believes in a hands-on approach to learning. You will have ample opportunity to interact with various community leaders, facilitators and guest speakers. There is also a community service project that enforces what the class sessions teach.

## **WHO YOU WILL MEET:**

In addition to other sophomores and juniors from Tennessee High, Virginia High, John S. Battle High, Sullivan East High School, Sullivan Central High School, Tri-Cities Christian Schools, Academy at King and students who are home schooled, you will meet numerous business and community leaders. These are valuable relationships that will assist you in the future.



## **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:**

In addition to the monthly class sessions, the BYL students are assigned to a Community Service Project to increase awareness of the community and provide the opportunity to serve. These projects are submitted by various agencies, governmental entities and nonprofit organizations and require the participants to complete research, plan various events, participate in community activities and create presentations. The students work diligently to determine a course of action and follow through with success.

**Personal Data:**

**DEADLINE MAY 10, 2011**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Preferred)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_  
(month/day/year)

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Or

Guardians:  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS**

How did you find out about Bristol Youth Leadership?  BYL Graduate  Friend  Teacher  Counselor  
 Media  Parent  other \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you believe Bristol Youth Leadership is for you?

What responsibility do youth have to help solve community problems?

**ATTENDANCE:**

If selected, you commit to attend the program orientation, the Opening Retreat, each of the class program sessions and Closing Retreat/Graduation. Full attendance by each participant is essential if the youth leadership program is to meet its objectives. Bristol Youth Leadership will work with schools to encourage attendance.

I understand and accept the requirements for Bristol Youth Leadership.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## ESSAY QUESTIONS

### SCHOOL, WORK, FAMILY, CHURCH & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Tell us how you have demonstrated leadership responsibilities so far in any of the above areas.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Tell us about your greatest accomplishment to date.

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PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR \_\_\_\_\_  
(STUDENT'S NAME)

I am the parent/ legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (student name). I have read the information on the Bristol Youth Leadership program and am willing to have my child participate. Bristol Youth Leadership, its agents and its employees have my full permission and consent to transport and otherwise provide transportation for my child by bus, private automobile, vans or other appropriate means of transportation in connection with all sessions of Bristol Youth Leadership during the school year in which he/she is a participant.

I hereby release and hold harmless Bristol Youth Leadership, its members, agents, employees of any individual involved in the planning, organization or presentation of Bristol Youth Leadership programming, for any accident, injury, illness or damage whatsoever related the above mentioned student's attendance at or participation in any activity or session. I hereby agree that my child will abide by the rules set forth by the Bristol Youth Leadership program.

Parent/Legal Guardian (please print)  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### SCHOOL APPROVAL

All applicants MUST have the approval of a school administrator or home supervisor to attend the class sessions of Bristol Youth Leadership. Please have the below information completed:

I approve the participation of \_\_\_\_\_ (student name) in the Bristol Youth Leadership program for the 2011-2012 school year. The student meets the criteria of being academically in good standing and regular in attendance.

Administrator's name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline to receive: May 10, 2011

Bristol Youth Leadership, P.O. Box 519, Bristol VA 24203-0519

# Reference Form

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Adult Reference \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_

School/Business/Religious Group/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Home telephone \_\_\_\_\_

1. Length of time you have known applicant \_\_\_\_\_

2. How do you know the applicant?

3. What do you consider to be the applicant's primary talents or strengths?

4. Comment on the applicant's relationship with his/her peers.

5. Please describe one situation where you observed the applicant in a leadership role.

Please use the scale below to compare the applicant with other high school sophomores and juniors you have known:

	OUTSTANDING	GOOD	POOR	UNABLE TO JUDGE
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Responsibility				
Leadership				
Initiative				
Ability to work with others				
Ability to fulfill commitments				

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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