

INFORMATION FOR Youth Leadership Program 2025-26 Program Year

ELIGIBILITY: 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

Interested students should:

- *Demonstrate leadership in school and/or community activities.
- *Express an interest in furthering their knowledge of the Adair County area.
- *Commit to 100% attendance at all sessions.
- *Receive a recommendation from their principal or counselor and approval to participate.
- *Participants must have a passing grade of at least a B average and must maintain this average throughout the school year. Participants must not get into any discipline problems during school year. If a participant drops below a B average or gets into discipline problems, then he/she will be dropped from the program.

GOALS AND OUTCOMES

Leadership is an important asset for community strength. The young people of this area should be taught leadership and actively engage in leadership activities as a valuable resource in furthering the community.

The goals of this program are to educate young people about our community; to educate young people about leadership; and to engage young people in community involvement.

The intended outcomes of this program are to promote the values of leadership and community involvement; to create future leaders in our community; to create relationships between youth and local businesses and organizations; and to promote the strengths of the Adair County area.

TIME COMMITMENT

Monthly sessions will be held during the day during the months of September, October, November, January, February, March, and April. Parents will be responsible for drop-off and pick-up of students at the Extension office on days we have meetings. Meetings usually begin promptly at 8:00 am and end at 2:00 pm.

We will have a meeting each month starting in September. Dates to be set. Youth who participate will be excused from school with a 4-H excuse.

Youth will have opportunity to participate in programs such as State 4-H Teen Summit, community service projects, and other programs.

If youth are in good standing at end of program year they have the ability to participate in the leadership program the next year without having to fill out a new application.

School excuses will be sent for all youth leadership meeting and programs.



Youth Leadership Project Application

Please type or print.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Name you prefer to be called _____ Birthdate _____

E-mail Address _____ Home phone _____

Cell Phone: _____ Texting on Phone: YES or NO

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parents/Guardians _____

E-mail address (if available) _____ Work phone _____

SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Please list in order of importance to you up to two school, volunteer, religious, social, athletic, or other organizations in which you have participated during the past three years.

Organization or Activity	Grade in School	Leadership Responsibility or Involvement
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Current Grade in School _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Describe two leadership skills that you feel come naturally to you. Also, describe two skills you would like to develop to enhance your leadership abilities.

2. Describe an issue/concern currently facing your school or community. Explain how having strong leadership skills might help you make a difference in the situation.

ESSAY

On an attached piece(s) of paper, please respond to the following in 150 words or fewer for each question.

1. Name an individual that, in your mind, you see as a strong leader and why you see this person as a role model. Also, what qualities in yourself mirror some of the qualities you see in this person?
2. If you could improve anything in the community, what would it be and how would you improve it?
3. Why are you applying to the Youth Leadership Program?

REFERENCES

One reference must be a principal, counselor, or teacher. The other two references must be adults who know you well (other than a parent or relative), such as a coach, employer, community leader, etc.

1. Name of Principal, Counselor, or Teacher, or School Personnel

Name of Reference _____ Phone _____

2. Name of Reference _____ Phone _____

COMMITMENT

To successfully complete the Youth Leadership program, a participant must complete a total of 10 hours of participation through: 1) attending all sessions of the program and 2) complete assigned hours of community service activities.

I agree to the attendance policy and commitment.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

As parent/guardian of this applicant, I support his/her participation and commitment to Youth Leadership.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____

Print Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Deadline to apply is September 1, 2025.

RETURN TO:

Tony Rose
County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development
Adair County Cooperative Extension Service
409 Fairground Street
Columbia, KY 42728

All applicants will be notified in writing of the Selection Committee's decision.