



## Lee County Young Commissioner Youth Leadership Program 2013

### Overview:

This program is an intensive two-week leadership program that is open to fourteen rising 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders from Lee County. The program will be offered from July 8-19, 2013 and will pair youth participants with a Lee County Commissioner from their district. During the two-week program under the Commissioner's mentorship, participants will develop valuable leadership skills through a greater awareness and understanding of local government and relevant issues facing their community.

### Program Objectives:

- Increase the participants understanding of the core principles of leadership and how these principles can be applied daily.
- Develop the specific skills needed for effective leadership.
- Create a greater understanding of pertinent issues facing Lee County and how elected officials and community leaders must collaborate to address these issues.
- Create an increased awareness and understanding of the role of County Government as well as other local agencies and organizations.
- Provide service opportunities for participants to apply the knowledge and skills they have gained through the program.
- Have a personally enriching and enjoyable experience while learning how to make a positive difference in their community through the practice of ethical leadership.

### Program Schedule:

The program will run for two weeks and be scheduled for approximately three to four hours per day. Each session will include a variety of classroom sessions coupled with field trips, site visits, and other hands-on educational activities that will increase participant interest in pursuing governmental and community leadership roles.



## *Lee County Young Commissioners Youth Leadership Program*

**PERSONAL DATA**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency number \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL DATA**

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_  
2013-14 School Year

**Activities/Interests/Honors/Awards**

Please list below the activities in which you are involved, any special interests or hobbies you have, and any honors or awards you have received:

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**Please attach a brief essay of 250 words or less to this application explaining why you should be selected to participate in this program.**

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Please attach two letters of recommendation to this application. These letters should be written by the following:

- ◆ One from a school official (teacher, counselor, etc.) who knows you. If you are a homeschooler, this letter may come from an adult (other than a parent) that is familiar with you and your schoolwork.
- ◆ One from another adult in the community who knows you (minister, employer, etc., please do not include a family member).

*Note: Recommendation letters must be attached and submitted with the application.*

**RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS**

**Attendance**

Students that are accepted into the program are expected to attend all sessions. Sessions will occur during a two- week period on July 8-19. In the event of an emergency, a written explanation of the absence must be signed by a parent or guardian and submitted to the program coordinator at the next session. In order to successfully complete the program, no more than one session may be missed along with an acceptable explanation of absence.

**Tuition**

If accepted into the program, you will be invoiced for \$15. Scholarships are available.

**Participant’s Commitment**

I understand the purpose of the “Lee County Young Commissioners” Youth Leadership program. If I am selected, I will devote my time and resources to complete the program. Even **though emergencies may arise, if I miss more than one session, I understand that I will be withdrawn from the program.** In signing this application, I understand and accept these commitments and agree to honor them.

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Applicant’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

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Parent/Guardian’s signature

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Date:

**Application Deadline: May 10, 2013** (Applicants will be notified by June 7, 2013)

**Please return completed and signed application to:**

*Bill Stone  
4-H Youth Development Agent  
Lee County 4-H  
2420 Tramway Road  
Sanford, N.C. 27332*

**Lee County Young Commissioners Youth Leadership Program** is a collaborative partnership with Lee County 4-H, The County of Lee, the Boys and Girls Club of Sanford/Lee County and numerous other community organizations. Rising 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders **are encouraged to apply. Only 14 spots are available for this program.**

Lee County 4-H, The County of Lee, and the Boys and Girls Club of Sanford offer this program to qualified applicants without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

