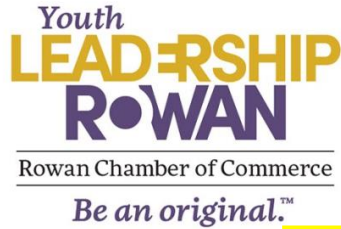




Youth Leadership Rowan Objectives

- The Leadership Rowan Steering Committee (made up of local business leaders) is launching the **“Be an Original”** Youth Leadership Rowan program targeting rising Rowan County Juniors from each of the public High Schools.
- Applications open in Spring 2024 (March) & the selected class will begin Fall 2024 (Sept.) Up to 3 participants will be accepted from each of the public High Schools.
- Participants will begin the six-month program as Juniors (**YLR I**) and help plan the programs for the next class during their Senior Year (**YLR II**) of High School (commitment & accountability).
- Reach out to all local High Schools for recommendations of students that are **academically astute but need extra encouragement/mentoring to help them reach their goals.**
- Partner with RSS to provide transportation for participants and/or excused absences for the days they participate in the program.
- Re-enforce the idea that students would “help their hometown” when they graduate by providing access to contacts in Rowan County that could help them in the future.
- All participants of YLR program will receive a Graduation Cord (Purple & White) upon successful completion of the program.
- Two \$1000 scholarships (sponsored by Rowan County Young Professionals) will be awarded to two YLR participants upon successful completion of the 2-year program.



Youth Leadership Rowan Program Application 2024-2025

**Completed application due to Mrs. Trexler in
Guidance by Monday, April 8, 2024.**

Dear Applicant:

Congratulations on your decision to apply for Youth Leadership Rowan Class of 2024!
Before beginning the application, please read the following information carefully.

Eligibility – Applicants must:

- Be a rising Junior in good academic standing.
- Demonstrate leadership potential in their school and/or community.
- Have an interest in furthering their knowledge about our region and community leadership.
- Submit one letter of reference.
- Receive approval by high school principal and/or guidance counselor.
- Be willing to commit to 100% participation.



Student Commitments:

- RSS will provide transportation to and from sessions.
- Attend all scheduled sessions.
- Attend orientation for participants with a parent/guardian in August 2024.
- Monthly sessions September-March, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (there will be no meeting in December due to exams)
- Graduation will be held in March 2025.
- Attendance at all sessions is expected. Two unexcused absences will result in removal from the program. Being accepted for YLR is similar to signing a contract, both sides have obligations. You will agree to contribute your presence, ideas, and energy, and we agree to challenge you and expose you to new ideas.
- Please consider your commitments prior to submitting an application. College classes and other extra-curricular activities may impact your ability to attend YLR session.
- **Students must make appropriate arrangements with teachers for any missed work.**
- Students selected to participate agree to submit complete session evaluations in a timely manner.

Attendance Policy:

- Students should be excused from class for all days listed on the Program Calendar.

- Attendance at YLR Program days is mandatory. If a student has two unexcused absences, he or she may be removed from the program.
- RSS will provide transportation to and from YLR Program days.
- During the day, students will be provided with a lunch, and snacks.
- All planned or unplanned absences from YLR MUST be reported to the YLR Director.
- The graduation ceremony is held during the evening in March. Parents are invited to attend the graduation event. Location TBA.

2024:

Sept. 11	Opening Retreat & Education Day at Catawba College
Oct. 9	History Day
Nov. 13	Human Needs Day
Dec.	NO MEETING

2025:

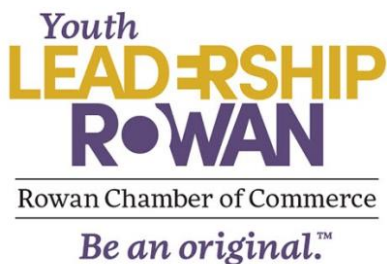
Jan. 8	Government & Justice Day
Feb. 12	Communications, Business & The Economy Day
March 5	Graduation & Planning Day

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. You can reach me at [Elaine Spalding](mailto:Espalding@RowanChamber.com) [espalding@rowanchamber.com](mailto:Espalding@RowanChamber.com) or contact the Rowan Chamber at 704-633-4221. Best of luck with your application!

Sincerely,

Elaine Spalding

President, Rowan Chamber



Youth Leadership Rowan is open to all rising Juniors who attend a public high school in Rowan County. The deadline for applications is **April 15, 2024**. To be considered, candidates must complete this application in its entirety. A completed application includes this document and one letter of reference. Please email completed applications to info@rowanchamber.com

I. Basic Information

Name: _____

Age: _____ Current Grade: _____ School: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

How did you find out about Youth Leadership Rowan?

II. Involvement

Please use the space below to list any activities, involvement, community service, honors and awards from your school, church, employer or other organization. Make note of any leadership positions held. Include information from your middle/high school years only. You may attach an additional page or resume if necessary.

III. References (one is required, you may submit two)

One letter of reference from a person who can speak to your character, leadership abilities and qualifications is required. Your reference may be a teacher, guidance counselor, principal, employer, etc. It cannot be a family member. Reference must be submitted by e-mail to info@rowanchamber.com.

Please provide the name, phone number, email address, and relationship to you of the person who will be submitting a letter of reference for your application in the space below.

1. Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Email: _____ Relationship: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Email: _____ Relationship: _____

IV. Short Answer- you may attach an additional page if necessary.

- Why are you interested in the Youth Leadership Rowan Program?

- Consider one of your school or volunteer activities. Explain how you demonstrate leadership by participating in this activity:

- Tell Us About Yourself! Share something unique, unusual, or funny about yourself:

V. Signatures

Applicant

I have read and understand the commitment required of participating in the Youth Leadership Rowan, a program of the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce. I understand that, if selected, I can make this commitment for the upcoming school year.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian

I give permission for _____ to participate in Youth Leadership Rowan a program of the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce. I will support their attendance and participation in all Youth Leadership Rowan activities and projects.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

Email your completed application to:
info@rowanchamber.com

****Reference letters must be emailed from the referencing person, not the student****

*All applications will remain confidential.
Youth Leadership Rowan does not discriminate based on sex, race, religion, national origin, or disabilities.*

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