

LEADERSHIP

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**APPLICATION PACKAGE
For 2020-2021**

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Applications will be reviewed in confidence.

Deadline for applying is April 3rd, 2020.

Return Application to: Leadership Tomorrow
c/o Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce
1615 South Chestnut Street • Lufkin, Texas 75901
Attn: Ashley Berry

Applicants will be notified in writing of their acceptance
into the program by **August 1st.**

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION BEFORE STARTING APPLICATION.

THE MISSION:

The Leadership Tomorrow Program is designed to develop community awareness, decision-making skills and leadership abilities in those teenagers who have untapped potential in these areas.

THE PROGRAM:

Leadership Tomorrow will consist of seven sessions, held 1 per month, from September through April each year, plus a Saturday at the ropes course. Sessions will cover such topics as leadership skills, justice, order, politics, business opportunities and challenges, decision making, social issues, and team-building activities. Most sessions will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end by 3:00 p.m. with lunch and transportation provided. Students are required to use transportation provided by the program (school buses) and are not allowed to drive their personal vehicles during sessions.

OBJECTIVES:

- To develop leadership skills and to promote community awareness and education.
- To allow students to spend time with local businesses and industries, to view issues and requirements of the workplace,
- To learn of potential career opportunities.

APPLICANTS:

- Must be classified as sophomores at the time of application submission and will be entering their junior year in high school at the time the program begins in October. The school or home school must be in Angelina County and the student must be a resident of Angelina County.
- Show leadership potential in the school, church or community activities and associations. It is not necessary that a student be an active leader at the time of application, only that he/she be interested in learning how to lead and be willing to develop his/her potential.
- **Be available to attend all sessions. The Ropes Course is mandatory!** If a conflict should arise after submission of application, please contact the Leadership Tomorrow Chairman immediately.
- Have transportation to and from the sessions on the dates indicated.
- Pay \$75 (non-refundable) student fee to help cover cost of program.
- Must secure a corporate sponsor to pay \$200 (non-refundable) to help cover cost of the program.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must meet the following requirements to apply for the program:

- Be enrolled in an Angelina County high school, (public, private, charter, or home school) in his or her junior year at the start of the program.
- Be a resident of Angelina County

Interested students should:

- Demonstrate leadership potential in school community or family activities, but not necessarily already in leadership positions.
- Express an interest in furthering their knowledge of the Angelina County area.
- **Commit to 100% attendance at all sessions, ropes course, and community volunteer assignments.**
- Receive a Reference from his or her principal or counselor and corporate sponsor, along with the principal and parent's written approval. Other References may be required.
- Acquire a corporate sponsor.

TO APPLY:

- **Applicant must:**
 - a. Check your calendar and talk with your family to be sure that you will be in town and available to attend all sessions as listed in the PROGRAM CALENDAR. **100% attendance is expected at all sessions and ropes course.**
 - b. Have your parent or legal guardian sign the application for parental permission.
 - c. Ask your principal or counselor to complete the enclosed reference form and return it to the Chamber of Commerce office.
 - d. Secure a corporate sponsor. This can be any businessperson or individual willing to pay the sponsor fee. Provide a copy of the reference form to your corporate sponsor; ask him to return it to Ashley Berry at the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce. If your sponsor does not know you, refer to instructions in the application.
 - e. Students who have exhausted avenues for acquiring a sponsor may apply for assistance and attach the request behind the application.
 - f. Pay \$75 non-refundable entry fee upon notification of student's selection/acceptance. **DO NOT ENCLOSE FEE WITH APPLICATION. Fees will not be accepted until the class has been selected.**
 - g. Complete all consent forms attached to application.
 - h. Provide a Leadership Tomorrow schedule to all extra-curricular activity leaders.
 - i. Fill out the application form completely and return it to the Lufkin/Angelina Chamber of Commerce by to **April 3, 2020.**
 - j. Only complete applications, accompanied by the two or 3 required reference forms, will be considered.
- **Principal or High School Counselor must:**
 - a. Complete reference form, including signature and date.
 - b. Return reference to Ashley Berry at the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce.
- **Corporate sponsor must:**
 - a. Complete reference form, billing information, and sign.
 - b. Pay \$200 sponsor non-refundable fee when billed upon student's acceptance.

SELECTION PROCESS

- The Committee will review applications and make selections using the objectives of Leadership Tomorrow as a guide and the students' references.
- Applicants may be interviewed, if needed, for the Committee to reach a final decision.
- All applications will remain confidential.
- Applicants will be notified in writing of their status with the program by August 1st.
- Class size will be limited to a maximum of 25 students.

PAYMENT

- Applicant will be expected to pay \$75 to cover program costs, upon notification of acceptance into the program, **not before acceptance.**
- Corporate sponsors will be invoiced for their \$200 sponsorship **when applicant is accepted.**

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

- **September 24-27, 2020 - Texas State Forest Festival**
- Participants will need to complete 5 hours of volunteer service at the Texas State Festival.
- **January 2021 - CHAMBER BANQUET (Pitser Garrison Convention Center)**
The class will be assisting the caterer and will be guest waiters for the annual banquet--an opportunity to see a year in review for Angelina County.
- **March 2021 - Lufkin State Supported Living Center Volunteer Day**
Class will participate in volunteer projects at the Lufkin State Supported Living Center.
- **PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 2021**
Participants will need to complete 4 hours (in addition to the 5 hours served at the TSFF) of volunteer service on the project of their selection from the Angelina Coalition Interagency list.

The following application must be completed in full and returned to the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce by 5:00 PM on April 3rd, 2020 before student will be considered for the program.

PROGRAM CALENDAR

(Dates may change when school district testing calendars become available.)

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| September 8, 2020 | OPENING RECEPTION | 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM |
| September 19, 2020 | ROPES COURSE | 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM |
| October 7, 2020 | Leadership Forum | 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM |
| November 4, 2020 | REGULAR SESSION DAY | 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM |
| December 2, 2020 | REGULAR SESSION DAY | 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM |
| January 6, 2021 | Regular Session Day | 8:00 AM—3:00 PM |
| January __, 2021 TBA | CHAMBER BANQUET | 5:00 PM- 8:30 PM |
| February 3, 2021 | REGULAR SESSION DAY | 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM |
| March 3, 2021 | REGULAR SESSION DAY | 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM |
| April 7, 2021 | REGULAR SESSION DAY | 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM |
| April 19, 2021 | GRADUATION | 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM |

**APPLICATION FORM
TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT**

(Please type or print in BLACK ink—do NOT use pencil)

Personal Information

Student's Name

_____ First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Name you prefer to be called _____

Unisex T-Shirt Size _____ Birth date _____ Gender _____

School _____

Home Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

School Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ **Email Address _____

(Please print email address legibly.)

**Email is mandatory for communication

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Emergency Area Code & Phone Number _____

School Information

Main area of interest in studies: _____

List any special awards, honors or recognition for academic, school or community-related activities that you received from the 7th through 10th grades.

Organizations and Activities

Please list in order of importance to you school, volunteer, religious, social, athletic or other activities or organizations in which you have participated during the last four years.

| Organizations/Activities | What was your involvement? | What grade were you in? |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

Work Experience

List any part-time job experience, paid or volunteer, and briefly tell what it involved.

Do you currently have a part-time job? _____ How many hours per week? _____

Would your job interfere with your attendance at Leadership Tomorrow? _____

Concurrent College Classes

We cannot confirm acceptance into the program without this information.

Do you plan to take any concurrent college classes during your junior year in high school?
___ Yes ___ No

Would any of your concurrent classes interfere with the Leadership Tomorrow schedule?
___ Yes ___ No

Please list any conflicting classes on Leadership Tomorrow Wednesdays and the time of class.

| <u>Classes Applicant Will Be Taking</u> | <u>Starting and Ending Time</u> | <u>Day(s) of the Week</u> |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| _____ | _____ - _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ - _____ | _____ |

Note: Outside courses with conflicting schedules could affect eligibility in Leadership Tomorrow.

Transportation

1. All sessions will begin and end at the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce (1615 S. Chestnut, Lufkin, TX 75901). Do you have transportation to and from the Chamber?

___ Yes ___ No

2. Do you have a driver's license? ___ Yes ___ No

General Information

1. What three things concern you most about life in Angelina County?

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

2. What do you consider your primary strengths and talents?

3. What do you consider your primary weaknesses?

4. Why do you want to participate in Leadership Tomorrow?

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

5. What would you like to gain from being in the Leadership Tomorrow program?

6. Why should you be selected to be in the Leadership Tomorrow program?

7. What career path have you selected? _____

Don't know yet.

8. What else would you like to tell us about yourself?

Essay

Please attach your response to the following by typing no more than one page.

Referring to Question #1, select one of the three concerns you listed. Discuss the issue and explain how you could make the issue better or correct the issue in our community.

Attendance

100% attendance is expected of each participant, and school attendance credit will be granted for each Leadership Tomorrow session attended. If selected, do you make a commitment to attend each one of the program sessions, including the mandatory ropes course?

_____ **Yes**

_____ **No**

Printed Name of Applicant _____

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Parental Permission and Waiver of Injury

By signing this application, both the parent/guardian and the participant know that certain risks may result as a part of this program, both on the ropes course and within the program itself. I release the ropes course, the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce, and any other involved parties and their staff, representatives and volunteers from all liability for any injury which may occur while participating in the Leadership Tomorrow Program.

I am also giving my permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Leadership Tomorrow program.

Printed Name of Parent _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Parent's Email Address _____

Date _____

Reference Information

A minimum of two (2) References are required. A third (3rd) one may be needed. See below.

Reference from High School Principal or Counselor

- Please have your high school principal or counselor complete the enclosed Reference Form.

If you are a home school student, please have an adult complete the Reference Form that:

- Knows you well
- Is not related
- Does not live with you

This information is confidential and should be delivered or mailed directly to Ashley Berry at the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce by the principal or counselor.

Reference from Corporate Sponsor

- Please have your corporate sponsor complete the enclosed Corporate Sponsor Reference Form.
 - **If your corporate sponsor does not know you OR is your parent**, please make sure
 - You or your sponsor note that on the Reference Form
and
 - **Provide an additional letter of reference from an adult that is not related to you but knows you.** This should **not** be your principal or counselor. Be sure they include why you are a good candidate for the program.
 - **If your parent is employed by your corporate sponsor**, your parent should **not** be the person completing the Reference Form.

This information is confidential and can be mailed, emailed, or delivered to Ashley Berry at the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce by the corporate sponsor.

REFERENCE FORM #1

**NEXT 2 PAGES
TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR**

INSTRUCTIONS

STUDENT: Please complete the waiver at the top of page 14 and provide pages 14 and 15 to principal or counselor for completion.

PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR: Please return the reference to:

Ashley Berry
Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce
1615 S. Chestnut
Lufkin, TX 75901

**REFERENCE FORM WAIVER SECTION
TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT**

TO THE APPLICANT: PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

STUDENT'S NAME _____

The Leadership Tomorrow Committee must receive this completed form by **April 3, 2020**. Be sure to give it to your high school principal or counselor as soon as you receive this application. The comments will be used for selection purposes. Please sign and date the waiver below:

Waiver of Access: I, the undersigned, waive the right of personal access to this reference.

Signature _____ Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR

TO THE PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR:

The person named above is an applicant for Leadership Tomorrow. The selection committee attaches considerable weight to the statements made by the references of the applicant. The committee is aware of the time necessary to prepare such an assessment and gratefully acknowledges your help.

Please return this form no later than **April 3, 2020**, to: **Leadership Tomorrow, Attn: Ashley Berry**
Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce
1615 South Chestnut Street
Lufkin, Texas 75901

Name of Principal or Counselor Providing Reference _____
Position/Title _____ School _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Email Address _____

(Attach additional pages, if needed.)

1. For how long and in what capacity have you known the student (applicant)?

2. What do you consider the applicant's primary talents or strengths?

3. What do you consider the applicant's chief weaknesses?

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CONT'D**

4. Do you feel that this student needs this program and if so, why?

5. Comment on the applicant's relationships with his/her peers.

6. Applicant's grade point average is _____ on a _____ scale.

7. Please use the scale below to compare applicant with other high school juniors you have known.

| | Exceptional | Excellent | Good | Average | Poor | Unable to Judge |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|------|---------|------|-----------------|
| Character | | | | | | |
| Concern for others | | | | | | |
| Responsibility | | | | | | |
| Leadership | | | | | | |
| Curiosity | | | | | | |
| Ability to work with others | | | | | | |
| Maturity | | | | | | |
| Poise | | | | | | |
| Oral Communication Skills | | | | | | |
| Persistence & Drive | | | | | | |
| Interest in community | | | | | | |
| Analytical ability | | | | | | |

9. Please comment generally on the applicant's ability to communicate with others, his/her behavior in a group setting (participant or observer), interest in community affairs and potential for becoming a community leader.

Note: This signature verifies your approval for the applicant to attend all sessions of Leadership Tomorrow

Signature of Principal _____ Date _____

--END OF PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR REFERENCE--

REFERENCE FORM #2

NEXT 2 PAGES
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CORPORATE SPONSOR

INSTRUCTIONS

STUDENT: Will need to complete the waiver at the top the next page (17) and provide the two pages, 17 and 18, to his or her corporate sponsor, regardless of whether the sponsor knows the applicant.

If the corporate sponsor (1) does not know the applicant or (2) is applicant or (2) is a parent of the applicant, the student will need to provide a letter of reference from a non-related adult that knows the student well. This should not be the school principal or counselor.

Corporate Sponsor: The letter of reference should include why the student is a good candidate for the Leadership Tomorrow program.

Please return the reference to:

Ashley Berry
Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce
1615 S. Chestnut
Lufkin, TX 75901

**LEADERSHIP TOMORROW - CORPORATE SPONSOR REFERENCE FORM
TO BE COMPLETED BY CORPORATE SPONSOR**

TO THE APPLICANT - PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

STUDENT'S NAME _____

STUDENT'S SCHOOL: _____

The Leadership Tomorrow Committee must receive this completed form by **April 3, 2020**. Be sure to give the form to the corporate sponsor as soon as possible. The comments will be used for selection purposes only. Please sign and date the waiver below.

Waiver of access: I, the undersigned, waive the right of personal access to the reference.

Student's Signature: _____ Date _____

TO THE CORPORATE SPONSOR:

Thank you for your sponsorship!

The person named above is an applicant for Leadership Tomorrow. The selection committee attaches considerable weight to the statements made by the references of the applicant. The committee is aware of the time necessary to prepare such an assessment and gratefully acknowledges your help.

Please return this form no later than **April 3, 2020**, to: **Leadership Tomorrow, Attn: Ashley Berry**
1615 South Chestnut Street
Lufkin, Texas 75901

If this applicant is accepted into the Leadership Tomorrow Program, you will be invoiced for the \$200 sponsor fee. Please complete the following. PLEASE DO NOT PAY IN ADVANCE.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Signature of Reference/Corporate Sponsor: _____

Do you know the applicant? ___Yes ___No

If yes, please continue. If no, this completes the Corporate Sponsor section--do not proceed.

Are you the applicant's parent? ___Yes ___No

If yes, the corporate sponsor section is complete--do not proceed.

LEADERSHIP TOMORROW - CORPORATE SPONSOR REFERENCE FORM – CONT'D.

(You may add additional pages to complete the following questions. Your input is very valuable to the selection committee.)

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

2. How does the applicant show interest in what's happening in his/her community?

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

| | Exceptional | Excellent | Good | Average | Poor | Unable to Judge |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------|------|---------|------|-----------------|
| Character | | | | | | |
| Maturity | | | | | | |
| Poise | | | | | | |
| Oral Communication Skills | | | | | | |
| Interest in Community | | | | | | |

4. Why is this student a good candidate for the program?

5. Please comment generally on the applicant's attitude regarding his community and school, and provide any additional information that you would like for us to know about the applicant.

--END OF CORPORATE SPONSOR REFERENCE--

Extra-Curricular Activity Notification

(Please have each of your extra-curricular activity leaders sign below that they are informed of your Leadership Tomorrow schedule and provide them with a copy, so they have the dates for future reference.)

I am aware that _____ (student's name) will be participating in the Leadership Tomorrow program for 2020-2021 and will be attending Leadership Tomorrow sessions/activities on the days and times provided below:

| | | |
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Thank you for your cooperation with this schedule and absences on these dates!

SIGNATURE OF EACH

EXTRA-CURRICULAR LEADER

DATE SIGNED/NOTIFIED

Participant Consent Form for Publicity Purposes

Select one of the following options

___ I hereby grant full permission to Leadership Tomorrow to use my photo and information from the Leadership Tomorrow application in any publication or advertising materials (printed or electronic). This consent also serves to waive all rights of privacy or compensation which I may have in connection with the use of my photograph or profile information.

___ Please do not use my photograph in any publication or advertising materials.

___ Please do not use my profile information from the Leadership Tomorrow application in any publication or advertising materials.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Participant (Print) | Participant's (Signature) | Date | |
| Parent or Guardian (Print) | Parent or Guardian (Signature) | Date | |
| Address | City | State | Zip Code |

Phone Number: _____

Leadership Tomorrow Transportation Liability Release Form

I, _____, am voluntarily riding to and from sessions of Leadership Tomorrow, in vehicles or buses, either rented or provided on a pro bono basis to benefit the Leadership Tomorrow program and the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce, as well as benefiting me as a member of the 2020-2021 class of Leadership Tomorrow.

I realize that travel in these vehicles is a risk, just as any travel in any vehicle is a risk when I am driving or anyone else is driving, and that road conditions, weather conditions and the actions of other drivers will influence the safety conditions of travel.

I hereby release the drivers and providers of the vehicles, whether owned or rented/leased, all participants in Leadership Tomorrow and their employers; all representatives of Leadership Tomorrow and the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce and their employees; from any liability from any injuries that may be associated with driving to and from Leadership Tomorrow activities.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 20__

Participant Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Application Check List

Keep this page to make sure you have completed your application.

- Check your calendar and talk with your family to be sure that you will be in town and available to attend all sessions as listed in the PROGRAM CALENDAR. **100% attendance is expected at all sessions, including the ropes course. Ropes course is mandatory.**
- Fill out the **student section** of the application form completely and return it to the Lufkin/Angelina Chamber of Commerce by to **April 3, 2020.**
- Ask your **principal or counselor** to complete the reference form and return to you in a sealed envelope or mail the reference to the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce office prior to **April 3, 2020.**
- Secure a **corporate sponsor**. This can be any businessperson or individual that will pay the fee. Provide a copy of the reference form to your corporate sponsor; ask him to return it to the Chamber office no later than **April 3, 2020.**
- Secure a signature of the coach, leader, sponsor or teacher that oversees each of your **extracurricular activities** that might conflict with the Leadership Tomorrow schedule. Turn this page back in with your application. Be sure to make copies for each leader of your activities so they have a copy of your schedule.
- Complete both **waivers** at the end of the application.

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- All six sections of the application must be completed and turned in by April 3, 2020. Incomplete applications will immediately be ineligible for selection.**