



LEADERSHIP SARASOTA

BUILDING TODAY'S LEADERS. CLASS OF 2025 APPLICATION



PROGRAM GOALS

- ✓ To allow rising high school juniors and seniors to explore career possibilities within our community.
- ✓ Give young people the knowledge, tools, and contacts to create successful leaders.
- ✓ Immerse young leaders into Sarasota's businesses, organizations, and every aspect of the community.
- ✓ Provide participants a chance to serve their community.
- ✓ Present young leaders with a rewarding and fun experience, all which they earn community service hours for.

For more information, please reach out to Pete Bartosik at pbartosik@sarasotachamber.com.

SEPTEMBER
21

Orientation

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



OCTOBER
15

Program Day 1

12:30 PM - 4:30 PM



NOVEMBER
12

Program Day 2

12:30 PM - 4:30 PM



DECEMBER
10

Program Day 3

12:30 PM - 4:30 PM



JANUARY
14

Program Day 4

12:30 PM - 4:30 PM



FEBRUARY
11

Program Day 5

12:30 PM - 4:30 PM



MARCH
12

Leadership
Connections Night

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM



APRIL
8

Program Day 6

12:30 PM - 4:30 PM



APRIL
12

Community
Service Day

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



MAY
8

Graduation

5:00 PM



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please type or print. Only completed applications will be considered and must include:

1. Applicant's Submittal. Fill out completely, including the back page.
2. Guardian's Waiver. Have this completed by your parent or guardian and include it with your completed application.

I understand that I must complete the Applicant's Submittal portion of this by myself, and state that no one else has completed the application on my behalf. Yes No

REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

Attendance of all sessions listed on the Program Schedule on page 1 is required of each student. Participants must fully participate in the Welcome Orientation on Saturday, September 21st, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Connections Night on Wednesday, March 12th, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Community Service Day on Saturday, April 12th, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm as a requirement to graduate. Students who miss more than two of the remaining scheduled program days or events will be dismissed from the program without the opportunity to graduate. Please note that for quality purposes of the program and to provide the best experience for the class, absences are not identified as excused or unexcused. We understand that unforeseen circumstances sometimes occur. However, Youth may miss no more than two program days or events and must attend both the Welcome Orientation and Community Service Day, to successfully graduate from the program.

I have compared my schedule with the Program Schedule on page 1 and agree, if I am selected, to commit to attending every one of the program sessions absent extraordinary circumstances. I understand if I miss Orientation or Community Service Day or more than two other program days or events listed, I will not graduate from the Program and will not receive a tuition refund.

Yes No

Shirt: Men's Women's **Size:** _____

I agree that if selected, I will wear the Leadership shirt issued to me, khaki or black pants and closed toe shoes to each of the activities unless informed otherwise, out of respect for the professional establishments we will be visiting. I will not wear jeans, shorts, or flip flops.

I understand that bus transportation will be provided between locations for site visits during many of the days or events and that it is a requirement of the program that I ride the bus with my classmates.

I further understand that email will be the primary method of communication between the program leaders and the participants. If I am selected, I will have an active email account that I will check daily for communication about the program and provide a parent email for informational purposes. I understand that the adult program coordinators may choose to utilize an adult-monitored, "closed group" social media site, (such as Facebook), to facilitate communication and coordination among the participants and that participating in such a site is voluntary and requires consent of my parent or guardian if I wish to participate.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Guardian

All applications will be reviewed in confidence, and only completed applications will be considered. Participants will be selected solely based on information provided in this confidential application and references. All applicants will be notified in writing of the selection committee's decision.

Email completed application by June 1st, 2024 to: PBARTOSIK@SARASOTACHAMBER.COM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (Last, First)

Preferred Name

Gender

Home Address

City

Zip Code

Cell Phone

Email

Birth Date

School

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name

Email

Phone

GENERAL INFORMATION - Please attach extra sheet if necessary

1. Using a few phrases or adjectives, describe yourself (personality, character, etc.)

2. Briefly describe two of the most significant problems facing Sarasota County.

3. Give a possible solution to one of the problems you listed.

4. How do you believe you can contribute to improving this community?

5. What are your long-term goals? (Please include any education plans or career interests).

6. Other than your parents, who do you most admire and why?

7. What qualifications make an effective leader?



SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Other schools attended:

List up to three special awards, honors, or recognitions you have received from the 7th through 10th grades for academic or community-related activities.

Main areas of interest in studies:

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list in order of importance to you, up to three school, volunteer, social, athletic, artistic, or other activities or groups in which you have participated during the last four years:

ORGANIZATION/ACTIVITY	GRADE IN SCHOOL	LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY OR INVOLVEMENT
1 _____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____

WORK EXPERIENCE

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

Do you currently have a part-time job? Yes No **If Yes,** how many hours a week? _____

Would your job interfere with your attendance at Youth Leadership Sarasota? Yes No

ADULT REFERENCE (Non-Relative)

Name

Email

Phone

A \$175 program fee is due **upon acceptance** to the Youth Leadership Sarasota Program, which includes your Leadership-issued shirt. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND FEE WITH THIS APPLICATION!**

Financial assistance will be available to those who cannot participate in the program due to the \$175 fee. Please indicate whether you will be seeking financial assistance.

I would like to be considered for financial assistance to help with the program fee:

Yes No

Do you need help with transportation?

Yes No

**GUARDIAN'S WAIVER
AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE**

I, the undersigned, am the parent or guardian of _____, a high school Student.
(Print Name of Youth)

I understand that if my child is selected as a participant in the Youth Leadership Sarasota program, which is sponsored by the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce ("GSCC"), I will give my approval for my child's participation in the program, which will require my child to attend events organized by GSCC that will start and end at a variety of different locations in Sarasota County. I understand that for a high-quality program, it is necessary to travel to various places during the Youth Days. I understand that for some events, my child may be transported on buses or other vehicles arranged by GSCC, and I authorize GSCC to include my child in such transportation arrangements. I understand that all Youth must ride the bus or GSCC-provided transportation with their classmates between locations and are not allowed to drive themselves or ride with anyone else.

I understand that participants in the program may be photographed or videotaped. I authorize the use of any photographs or video of my child in conjunction with GSCC.

I further understand that email is the primary method of communication between the program leaders and the participants. If my child is selected, he or she will have an active email account that is checked daily for communication about the program. I understand that as the parent or guardian of a participant in the program, I will also provide my email address for communication with the program coordinators and will assist my child in managing communication and notifications for the program.

I understand that the adult program coordinators may choose to utilize an adult-monitored, "closed group" social media site, (such as Facebook), to facilitate communication and coordination among the participants. Only confirmed class members and approved adult coordinators will be authorized to view and comment upon information on any such site and all such information will otherwise be private to the members of the group. I understand that participating in such a site is not a requirement for participation in the program, but that doing so may assist my child in facilitating and communicating information with respect to the program.

My child has no special physical or medical condition that would make his or her participation in the program inappropriate. I agree that GSCC shall not be responsible for any injury or illness sustained by my child as a result of his or her participation in the program, including injury or illness sustained during travel to and from program events.

On behalf of myself, my child, and any other parent or guardian of my child, I release and agree to indemnify GSCC from liability for any claims, suits, or expenses resulting from any injury or illness sustained by my child, or any damage or loss to property in the possession of my child, arising out of my child's participation in the program. This Authorization and Release is for the benefit of GSCC and its officers, directors, members, and agents.

I have read and understand the provisions of this Authorization and Release.

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Print Name of Parent of Guardian