



"There are no such things as limits to growth, because there are no limits on the human capacity for intelligence, imagination and wonder."

Ronald Reagan



Class XV  
2025- 2026  
JUNIOR LEADERSHIP LAKE  
NORMAN APPLICATION  
AND INFORMATION

*A Program Developed and Administered by*



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## THE PROGRAM



Junior Leadership kicks off with a reception at the Chamber with the participants, Directors of the Chamber, Leadership Lake Norman Alumni, and various elected municipal officials. This is followed by a one-day retreat combining team building and diversity training. The program continues for six months in one-day sessions.

Area leaders in business, government, media, education, health care, and tourism enlighten the participants about the resources, infrastructure, and facilities available to Lake Norman citizens. During each session the group will look at topics ranging from crime and law to community infrastructure.

Junior Leadership Lake Norman is a program sponsored by the Lake Norman Chamber to develop a group of informed, committed, and qualified young individuals capable of providing visionary and progressive leadership for their futures as well as the Lake Norman Region.

The program is an in-depth study of management styles, personalities, and involved activities to illustrate positive leadership opportunities. Taking place over a seven-month period, participants in Junior Leadership Lake Norman have a chance to tour facilities, participate in informative seminars, and are enlightened to the resources available to them in the greater Lake Norman area.

Once participants have completed Junior Leadership Lake Norman, they will be well informed, and have a foundation for implementing their knowledge and skills to become a progressive citizen and leader in the great Lake Norman region.

**"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world."  
Margaret Mead**



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# CRITERIA

- ◆ Minimum **3.2 unweighted GPA** (or equivalent for Home Schooled)
- ◆ Exceptional Attitude
- ◆ Permission to Attend Day Long Junior Leadership Activities
- ◆ Shown Leadership in School or Community
- ◆ Teacher/Community Leader Recommendation

POSITIVE, FUN, COMMUNITY  
ORIENTED, RESEARCH, PLAY,  
LAUGH, GAIN EXPERIENCE,  
LEARN, BE A GREAT  
LEADER

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## Who May Participate?

Rising Juniors from any High School in the Lake Norman region. Home Schooled students ARE allowed.

## Who is Selected?

All criteria is taken into account by Chamber Executives and Leadership Alumni. Students who apply will need a written recommendation from a teacher/principal/equivalent, as well as a one-page essay on why they are a leader in the schools and community.



APPLICATION IS DUE BY Thursday,  
September 26, 2025 5 pm



# THE REQUIREMENTS



Participants in the Junior Leadership Lake Norman program are required to attend the retreat and the Graduation exercise. All other sessions are required with only ONE ABSENCE allowed. Please note the dates of the program and schedule them on your calendar making school staff aware of the leadership sessions.

Attendance requirements reflect the commitment necessary to receive a meaningful experience from your investment in the program.

Casual dress is recommended at all sessions with the exception of the Graduation. Typical day runs from 8 am to 2 pm with some sessions ending at 1:30 pm.

## TO APPLY

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The program enrollment is limited to twenty-one (21) participants. Candidates are selected on the basis of their previous and potential leadership abilities and community involvement. Applications must be received by , Sept 26 at 5:00 pm to be eligible for the program. They can be emailed to:

[Russell@lakenormanchamber.org](mailto:Russell@lakenormanchamber.org)

All applicants will be notified in writing regarding acceptance in the program by Sept 29th by 5 pm. For more information call Bill Russell 704.892.1922.

## THE TUITION

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Tuition for the program is \$140. The invaluable resources and contacts made through this program are a major investment in your future civic and leadership opportunities. Applicant understands that in order to graduate and receive a certificate from Junior Leadership Lake Norman, they must attend the retreat, graduation and a minimum of four of the five full day sessions.

# THE SCHEDULE

Reception/Orientation

Thursday, October 2, 2025 4:00 PM  
Lake Norman Chamber

One-Day Retreat

Thursday, October 9, 2025 9:00 am  
*Rural Hill 4431 Neck Road Huntersville*

History & Education

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Government & Law

Thursday, January 8 2026

Community Infrastructure

Thursday, February 12, 2026

Health Care

Thursday, March 13, 2026

Graduation

To Be Determined



“Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.”

Peter F. Drucker



## APPLICATION CLASS XV 2025 –2026

### PERSONAL DATA:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Preferred

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Current un-weighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Current weighted GPA (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Data:

Name (First and last names) \_\_\_\_\_

Employment (Mom) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Employment (Dad) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency call \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsor Data

School Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal / Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

I Recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for the LKN Jr. Leadership program

Signature, Principal/Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Signature, Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal Data (Please attach a separate sheet if needed):

#### School Activities / Clubs:

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For more information, please contact  
The Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce  
P: 704.892.1922 Russell@LakeNormanChamber.org



## APPLICATION CLASS XV 2025 2026

### Community Activities / Previous Volunteer Work

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### Personal Accomplishments:

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**Essay: Please attach a minimum 200 word (maximum 500 word) essay on the following topic:  
What does my community mean to me and what leadership can I provide to improve my community in the future?**

### Applicant & Parent / Guardian Agreement

I understand the purpose of the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce Junior Leadership program and if selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. Even though emergencies do arise, any participant missing more than one session will not graduate from the program. I understand the above commitments and agree to them in this application.

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**Applicants Signature**

**Date**

I understand the full requirements of this program and give permission to participate fully in the Junior Leadership program with the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce.

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**Parent / Guardian Signature**

**Date**

**Application deadline: September 26, 2025 5:00 pm**

**Email to: The Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce**

**Russell@lakenormanchamber.org**

**Mail: Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 760  
Cornelius, NC 28031**

**Personal Drop-off: Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce  
19900 West Catawba Ave Suite 101  
Cornelius, NC 28031**

*All applicants will be notified by Monday, Sept 29 by 5 pm about acceptance in the program. If you have not heard from a chamber official by that time, please call 704-892-1922.*



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