



JUNIOR LEADERSHIP MANATEE

P.O. BOX 1491 BRADENTON, FLORIDA 34206-1491

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Thank you for your interest in Junior Leadership Manatee.

In order to be considered for participation in Junior Leadership Manatee, you must:

1. Be a high school sophomore (grade level at the time of application deadline).
2. Be a high school junior (at the time of the start of the JLM program) who attends school in Manatee County or is a resident of Manatee County.
3. Have, at minimum, a 2.5 unweighted GPA.
4. Have the written endorsement of your high school principal and your parent/guardian.
5. Agree to attend the **MANDATORY** Orientation on September 13, 2014 and attend all JLM monthly program days.

This document contains a total of seven pages:

- This cover letter
- Four pages of application
- Two pages of Personal Reference Form. (**You will need to make another copy of this form since you need to have two references.**)

Give the reference forms to two adults outside of your family who will serve as your references. Please have them fill out the reference form and mail them together with the completed application to the above address. **The Application must be postmarked by May 30, 2014.** Do not send the program participant fee with your application. This fee will be due if you are accepted into the program.

If you have questions, please e-mail info@juniorleadershipmanatee.org.

APPLICATION AND REFERENCE FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 30, 2014.



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APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

1. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLUE OR BLACK INK.
2. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS OR FAILURE TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS WILL RESULT IN NONCONSIDERATION.
3. ALL APPLICANTS MUST HAVE TWO (2) REFERENCES (FORMS & REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED).

TRANSPORTATION – Parents are responsible for transportation of the students to/from the meeting sites. Transportation during each session will be provided through the program.

PARTICIPANT FEE – Applicants who are selected for JLM will pay a \$150.00, non-refundable participant fee. A limited amount of financial assistance is available. A request for financial assistance must be submitted with the application and contain the same parent/guardian signature as reflected/shown on the application form.

ATTENDANCE – In order to achieve the objectives of Junior Leadership Manatee (JLM), attendance at Orientation Day (September 13, 2014) is MANDATORY and the student must not miss more than one program day.

If selected for this year's Junior Leadership Manatee program, do you commit to attend ALL of the program sessions?

_____ Yes _____ No, explain: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

HOME ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ How long have you lived in Manatee County? _____

How did you hear about Junior Leadership Manatee? _____

Please provide your shirt size (unisex S, M, L, XL). If you are selected you will receive a JLM Shirt.

Please circle: S M L XL

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SCHOOL EXPERIENCE (Students apply in their sophomore year; attend in their junior year.)

SCHOOL: _____

GRADE: _____ Is your grade point average (GPA) 2.5 or above (unweighted)? YES NO

GENERAL INFORMATION (Please attach separate sheets if necessary.)

Using a few phrases or adjectives, please describe yourself.

What is your favorite course and why?

What are your educational, personal, and career goals?

You are at your ten-year high school reunion, describe yourself.

List any hobbies or special interests you have.

Why would you like to participate in the Junior Leadership Manatee program?

What other things do you think make you a good candidate for the Junior Leadership Manatee program?

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ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES – Please list, in order of importance to you, up to five school, volunteer, religious, social, athletic, or other activities/organizations in which you have participated during the last two years.

	Activity/Organization	Hours/week	Leadership Position Held
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Please describe the reasons why you consider the number one activity listed above as most important to you.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Do you currently have a job? ____ Yes ____ No

List any job experience (paid or volunteer) you had/have and briefly tell what was/is involved.

During the School Year	Hours/week	Responsibility

During the Summer	Hours/week	Responsibility

If extraordinary circumstances prevent you from participating in organizations/activities or work, please explain below.

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ESSAY - MUST BE TYPED, DOUBLE-SPACED, 12-PT FONT. NOT TO EXCEED ONE PAGE PER PROBLEM.

On a separate sheet(s) of paper, please answer the following:

Identify what you believe to be the two (2) most pressing problems facing Manatee County today. Explain why and make recommendations for addressing and resolving these problems.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A limited amount of financial assistance is available to participate in the Junior Leadership Manatee program and is based on economic need. Please attach a separate sheet outlining the circumstances surrounding your need. A request for financial assistance must be submitted with the application and contain the same parent/guardian signature as reflected/shown on the application form. For more information, please e-mail info@juniorleadershipmanatee.org.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Junior Leadership Manatee is a short program of only seven program days (one Saturday and 6 weekdays spread over 7 months). The JLM Board of Directors strongly believes that the integrity of the program is compromised if a student misses more than one session. Most JLM program days are held on days when the Manatee County public schools are scheduled off. However, due to the nature and length of the program, some JLM program days may be scheduled when school is in session. If a student is accepted into JLM and misses more than one program day, the student may not graduate from the Junior Leadership Manatee program. **PLEASE NOTE: Attendance at Orientation (September 13, 2014) is MANDATORY to participate in the program.**

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

APPLICANT/PARENT/GUARDIAN – The applicant and his/her parent/guardian make a commitment to full and active participation in the Junior Leadership Manatee Program.

Applicant Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

PRINCIPAL – As Principal of the applicant's school, I am aware of his/her interest in participating in the Junior Leadership Manatee program and have verified this student has an unweighted GPA of 2.5 or above. In addition, we have reviewed the attendance requirements and agree to abide by these requirements for the duration of the program.

Principal Name Principal Signature Date

Should you have any questions, please contact info@juniorleadershipmanatee.org.

Mail To: Junior Leadership Manatee | P.O. Box 1491 | Bradenton, FL 34206

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REFERENCE FORM (PLEASE COPY THIS FORM AS YOU WILL NEED (2) REFERENCES

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TO THE APPLICANT

Fill in your name below and give this form to an individual outside of your family who will serve as your reference. You will need two (2) references and only one reference may be from someone employed at your school.

NAME: _____
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

TO THE REFERENCE

The above applicant for Junior Leadership Manatee has selected you as a reference. The JLM Selection Committee is very interested in the statements that you make in regard to this applicant. The Committee is aware of the time necessary to prepare this assessment and gratefully acknowledges your help.

NAME OF REFERENCE: _____

POSITION OR TITLE: _____

FIRM/ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

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PLEASE NOTE: The JLM Selection Committee reviews all applicants anonymously. This page will be scored along with the application. Please DO NOT use the student's name when responding.

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING.

For how long, and in what capacity, have you known this applicant?

What are the first words that come to your mind when describing the applicant?

What do you consider to be the applicant's primary talents or strengths?

Please comment on the applicant's respect for adults.

Please comment on the applicant's relationship with his/her peers.

I recommend this student: with reservations fairly strongly strongly enthusiastically

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