



**JUNIOR LEADERSHIP MANATEE**  
**P.O. BOX 1491 BRADENTON, FLORIDA 34206-1491**  
www.juniorleadershipmanatee.org

**Thank you for your interest in Junior Leadership Manatee!**

To be considered for participation in Junior Leadership Manatee (JLM) you must:

1. Be a high school sophomore at the time of application deadline (Monday, June 15, 2020) and be a high school junior at the time of the start (September 19, 2020) of the JLM program.
2. Must attend school in Manatee County or be 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 and attend **ALL** JLM monthly program days.\*
6. Complete all attached paperwork correctly and submit on or before the deadline.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**

JLM is a short program of only seven program days (one Saturday and six weekdays spread over seven months). \*The JLM Board of Directors strongly believes the integrity of the program is compromised if a student **misses more than one session**. JLM program days are held on days when the Manatee County public schools are scheduled off. (This schedule is subject to change if the school district schedule changes due to make up days, etc.) If a student is accepted into JLM and misses more than one program day, the student may not graduate from the JLM program. **Attendance at Orientation is required to participate in the program.**

**REFERENCE FORMS**

Give the reference forms to two adults outside of your family who will serve as your references. Please have them fill out the reference forms and mail everything together with the completed application to the address listed throughout this packet. **The Application must be postmarked or emailed to [chair@juniorleadershipmanatee.org](mailto:chair@juniorleadershipmanatee.org) by Monday, June 15, 2020.** The principal's signature is NOT required. *Do not send the program participant fee with your application. This fee will be due **if you are accepted into the program.***

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Financial aid is available for qualifying applicants. A separate financial aid request form must be submitted by June 30, 2020. Forms will be emailed to students who are accepted into the program.

**APPLICATION AND REFERENCE FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JUNE 15, 2020**  
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This document contains a total of eleven pages:

- Cover Letter and Schedule (pages 1-2)
- Application Form (pages 3-5)
- Essay Form (page 6)
- Required Signatures (page 7)
- Personal Reference Form #1 (pages 8-9)
- Personal Reference Form #2 (pages 10-11)

Mail the entire completed packet (minus the Cover Letter and Schedule) to the address listed below or via email to [chair@juniorleadershipmanatee.org](mailto:chair@juniorleadershipmanatee.org). If you are selected to participate, a participation fee of \$150 will be due, along with completed Acceptance Agreement, Health, Authorization & Treatment, Dietary and Common Ground Adventures (Orientation Day) forms. You will also be required to participate in Teen Court prior to Government & Law Enforcement Day (*these forms will be provided to all selected students via email*).

**2020-2021 JLM SCHEDULE** (*tentative—based on final School District of Manatee County calendar\**; days normally start between 7:30 and 8 AM and end around 3 PM:)

Saturday, September 19, 2020 – Orientation (**mandatory**), 8 AM to 12:15 PM at Day Spring (Parrish)

Monday, October 12, 2020 (Columbus Day) – Government & Law Enforcement Day

Monday, November 9, 2020 (Veterans Day) – Health & Human Needs Day

Monday, January 18, 2021 (Martin Luther King Day) – Media Day

Monday, February 15, 2021 (Presidents' Day) – Agriculture & Land Use Day

Friday, March 12, 2021 (Record Day) - Culture & Recreation Day

Friday, April 2, 2021 (Good Friday) - Business & Industry Day

Thursday, April 15, 2021 – Graduation Dinner, 6 to 9 PM

*Program Agendas are normally e-mailed approximately one week before the scheduled day. There are attire requirements for each Program Day. Please check your email, sign up to receive text alerts and visit events section of Facebook @juniorleadershipmanatee for exact times and details for each day. Snacks and lunch are provided each Program Day.*

*\*The JLM Program Schedule follows the Manatee County School District schedule. This schedule is subject to change if the School District schedule changes due to make-up days, etc.*

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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 throughout each Program Day will be provided by charter bus by JLM.

**PARTICIPANT FEE** – A \$150 non-refundable participant fee will be collected from each applicant selected.

**FINANCIAL AID** – Financial aid is available for qualifying students. A separate financial aid request form must be submitted by June 15, 2020.

**ATTENDANCE** – In order to achieve the objectives of Junior Leadership Manatee and graduate, attendance at Orientation Day is required, and the student should not miss more than one program day.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION (print legibly)

STUDENT NAME:

(LAST) \_\_\_\_\_ (FIRST) \_\_\_\_\_ (MIDDLE) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(both parents AND students will receive emails regarding program day agendas and other related JLM business)*

How long have you lived in Manatee County? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Junior Leadership Manatee? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide your shirt size below (unisex S, M, L, XL). Shirts are Polo style (not T-shirts). **If you are selected for the program** you will receive a JLM Shirt at Orientation:

Please check:            Small                    Medium                    Large                    Extra Large

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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?

**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.

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

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

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**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.

<b>During the School Year</b>	<b>Hours/week</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>

<b>During the Summer</b>	<b>Hours/week</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>

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

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## **ESSAY**

### **ESSAY DIRECTIONS**

1. YOUR ESSAY MUST BE TYPED, DOUBLE-SPACED, 12-PT FONT.
2. NOT TO EXCEED ONE TO TWO PAGES PER PROBLEM.

On separate sheets of paper, please answer the following:

**Identify what you believe to be the two most pressing problems facing Manatee County today. Explain why you feel that way and make recommendations for addressing and resolving these problems.**



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**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.

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Applicant Signature Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

**PRINCIPAL** – SIGNATURE NOT REQUIRED. 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's Signature Not Required]*

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Principal Name Principal Signature Date

Should you have any questions, please contact [chair@juniorleadershipmanatee.org](mailto:chair@juniorleadershipmanatee.org)



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**REFERENCE FORM #1**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_



**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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