

MISSION

Greene County Youth Leadership is a personal program designed to empower high school upper-classmen to discover and refine their leadership potential through experiential learning, meaningful dialogue, and active participation in their schools and communities.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- To identify potential and existing leaders in life, school, and the community and to help them prepare for future leadership roles in the community;
- To provide these future leaders with a practical and comprehensive understanding of major issues and opportunities facing the Greene County area;
- To improve the communications network among leaders from disparate backgrounds and interests;
- To create a forum for persons of demonstrated commitment to the community to meet and exchange ideas; and
- To stimulate increased student leadership participation and commitment in the community.

THE PARTICIPANTS

A group of high school junior and senior students representing all five area high schools of Greene County will be selected by the Greene County Youth Community Action Team's Selection Committee. Participants are chosen for their potential or demonstrated leadership abilities, academic excellence/achievement, and their commitment to school and community. Interaction with this diverse group stimulates and challenges each member.

THE PROGRAM

Greene County Youth Leadership begins in August with a day-long retreat and continues through graduation ceremonies in April. Participants are exposed to a variety of viewpoints, which illustrate the array of economic, political, educational, and social factors at work in Greene County. They meet with area leaders in business, media, government, education, and service organizations. In addition, participants receive training in leadership effectiveness and human behavior.

The following is a program outline for Greene County Youth Leadership Class of 2025—26. These dates are tentative and subject to change depending on the school calendar.

August 4	Retreat (Mandatory)
September 5	Agriculture Day
October 17	Healthcare Day
November 14	Social Services/Human Needs Day
December 12	Leadership Training and Skills Day
January 9	Economic Development Day
February 6	Local Government Day
March 6	Heritage Day
April 1	Nashville Trip
April 22	Graduation

THE TUITION

Tuition is \$50 per participant and non-refundable. Included in this are all costs, including the opening retreat, Leadership notebooks and materials, speakers, meals, and travel.

GRADUATION AND BEYOND

Participants must make a commitment to the program. Attendance at the retreat and each monthly session, including the Nashville trip, are prerequisites for graduation certification. Since the graduates of the Youth Leadership program possess a unique understanding and appreciation of the inner workings of our community, they will be excellent candidates to serve on local boards, committees and task forces.



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THE FUTURE

Greeneville and Greene County are directly tied to the quality of their leadership. Greene County Youth Leadership is an affiliate program of the Greene County Partnership. The mission of Greene County Youth Leadership is to identify and prepare the community's future leadership resources. Greene County Youth Leadership will provide a network of current and emerging leaders who possess the skills and the commitment to continue the success of the community.

THE ALUMNI

As part of the continuation of the Greene County Youth Leadership program, alumni will serve as members of the Greene County Youth Council, a community service-oriented program, also a program of the Greene County Partnership. They will be invited to participate as volunteer assistants at the opening Youth Leadership retreat.

GREENE COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

The Greene County Youth Council Program schedules community service projects on nights and/or weekends to alleviate any missed school time. It is a volunteer-based program comprised of students from all local high schools, and all students who want to become involved in community service are welcome to join.

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