



Developing Tomorrow's COMMUNITY LEADERS Today

SAYLA Academy - July 14 - 20, 2018

Application Deadline - May 10, 2018

Youth Leader/Parent Orientation - May 31, 2018

Academy Graduation Ceremony - TBA

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Seguin Area Youth Leadership Academy is to provide students with a theoretical and operational foundation in the essential skills, beliefs, and practices of leadership. Through their participation in the program, the students will be prepared to have a positive impact on the quality of life in our community.

Application Instructions

Deadline: May 10, 2018

Please review the following information before completing your application form. Attendance is expected at all events, so please make sure that you do not have any conflicts with the set dates before you apply.

Answer each question on the application. Limit answers to available space as no additional pages will be considered.

Type or print in black ink.

Four signatures are required. Applications must be signed by:

- Applicant
- Applicant's parent/guardian
- High school principal or assistant principal
- High school counselor

The completed application is due by May 10. Reference forms must also be received by the Chamber by May 10. It is your responsibility to make sure these forms are returned by the deadline. It is recommended that you supply both references with a stamped enveloped addressed to SAYLA, Seguin Chamber, 116 N. Camp St., Seguin, TX 78155.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Students who are Sophomores (10th) or Juniors (11th) residing in Guadalupe County are eligible to apply.

Participants are chosen by the Selection Committee based on the information provided on the application.

The committee seeks a diverse group of students who demonstrate leadership potential and are motivated, creative, and are interested in developing skills and a sense of community.

The estimated value of the program tuition is \$500. Thanks to the generosity of community sponsors, students will attend the program for \$25 (non-refundable). This amount will be collected at the Youth/Parent Orientation (May 31, 2018). Financial Assistance is available.

Students must be willing to commit to attending all activities and have all required signatures of permission.

They must have passed every course the last semester prior to the application deadline.

OBJECTIVES

- ◆ To identify students who have demonstrated leadership qualities or displayed a potential toward leadership.
- ◆ To select a class that represents a diverse group of students - including gender, ethnicity and geographic areas.
- ◆ To present in-depth programs to acquaint participants with community needs, opportunities, challenges and resources, and to encourage interaction with community leaders.
- ◆ To understand the responsibilities of a leader and to develop skills in ethical decision-making.
- ◆ To foster opportunities for teamwork and collaborative problem solving.

2018 SAYLA Calendar

Thursday, May 10	Application deadline
By May 18	Application Review / Youth Leader Selection
Thursday, May 31	Youth Leader / Parent Orientation
6 p.m.	Dunne Conference Center, Tschoepe Hall, TLU
Saturday-Friday, July 14-20	Seguin Area Youth Leadership Academy
1:30 p.m. Saturday July 14	Check-In - Texas Lutheran University Tschoepe Hall
Date TBD.....	Seguin Area Youth Leadership Academy Graduation
6 p.m.....	Reception
6:30 p.m.	Presentation and Graduation, Location TBD

Academy Activities

- ◆ Team Building
- ◆ Leadership Skills Development
- ◆ Large and Small Group Discussions
- ◆ Problem-Solving Challenges
- ◆ Community Site Visits
- ◆ Hands-on Project Management
- ◆ Mentorships and Networking
- ◆ Games and Recreation
- ◆ Community Service Project



Memories for a lifetime!

APPLICATION

About You

Name _____
Last First Name you prefer to be called

School _____ Grade _____

Home Address _____
Street City / Zip

Sex (M/F) _____ Ethnicity _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

Names of Parents/Guardians _____

Parents'/Guardians' CELL Phone (Father) _____ (Mother) _____

Parents'/Guardians' WORK Phone (Father) _____ (Mother) _____

1. Briefly describe yourself.

_____ *Cont'd on Page 5*

Program Consent

I understand and accept the requirement for Seguin Area Youth Leadership Academy. I will attend all activities.

Applicant Printed Name _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Printed Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

School Approval

All applicants must have the approval of their school counselor and principal/assistant principal. The application will not be considered complete without their signatures below.

_____ *meets the academic criteria of the leadership academy, upholds school behavior standards and has good school attendance. I approve the application of this student for SAYLA.*

Counselor Printed Name _____

Counselor Signature _____ Date _____

Principal/Asst Principal Printed Name _____

Principal/Asst Principal Signature _____ Date _____

Applications and References must be received by 5 p.m. Thursday, May 10, 2018
at the Seguin Chamber, 116 N. Camp St.

APPLICATION

2. What do you plan to do after graduation?

3. What comes to mind when you think of a leader? Why?

4. What do you hope to gain from your participation in SAYLA?

5. What leadership role(s) would you hope to have in the future? In your community? In your job?

6. What two things concern you most about life in your community? Why?

Work Experience

Are you employed or will you be employed during the dates of the program? _____

If so, where? _____ # of Hours per Week? _____

Will your work schedule and the leadership program schedule-conflict? _____

What is your employer's or supervisor's name? _____

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Community Organizations / Activities / Hobbies / Leadership Experience

Please list community, volunteer and other activities and any honors/awards received.

SELF ASSESSMENT

1. I understand my own personal values and morals, and try to uphold them through my actions.
 Not at all Rarely
 Sometimes Often
 All of the time
2. I look for avenues to treat others fairly and with respect.
 Not at all Rarely
 Sometimes Often
 All of the time
3. I choose to act independently and am accountable for my actions.
 Not at all Rarely
 Sometimes Often
 All of the time
4. I try to lead others by example.
 Not at all Rarely
 Sometimes Often
 All of the time
5. I enjoy learning new skills and ideas.
 Not at all Rarely
 Sometimes Often
 All of the time
6. I take opportunities to pursue new initiatives and projects.
 Not at all Rarely
 Sometimes Often
 All of the time
7. When times get tough, I follow through on my commitments to the end.
 Not at all Rarely
 Sometimes Often
 All of the time
8. When involved in groups or teams, I interact and collaborate with others in order to complete tasks.
 Not at all Rarely
 Sometimes Often
 All of the time
- 9) I feel comfortable sharing my thoughts and ideas verbally with others.
 Not at all Rarely
 Sometimes Often
 All of the time
10. I feel comfortable sharing my thoughts and ideas by writing them down for others to read and interpret.
 Not at all Rarely
 Sometimes Often
 All of the time
11. I strive to look at problems from different perspectives and generate multiple solutions.
 Not at all Rarely
 Sometimes Often
 All of the time
12. I feel invested in what happens to my community and want to be a part of improving my community.
 Not at all Rarely
 Sometimes Often
 All of the time

CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM

Applicant must distribute a reference form to:

One of the following: high school teacher / counselor / principal

One person other than school personnel not related to the applicant

Applicant Name _____

Reference

The student named above is an applicant for the Seguin Area Youth Leadership Academy sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. We are aware of the time necessary to prepare this assessment and gratefully acknowledge your help

Your name (printed) _____

Position / Title _____

School/Business/Organization _____

Mailing Address _____
Street City State Zip

General Information

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

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

Have you observed any problems with applicant's attendance, behavior or reliability? If yes, please explain? _____

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

See back

EVALUATION

Please use the scale below to compare the applicant with other sophomores and juniors in high school that you have known. Circle 1 - 5. If unable to answer, circle N/A.

1 = Outstanding 2 = Above Average 3 = Average 4 = Below Average 5 = Unsatisfactory

Character	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Concern for others	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Responsibility	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Curiosity	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Initiative	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Persistence & Drive	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Ability to work with others	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Oral communication skills	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Written communication skills	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Problem-solving skills	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Interest in community affairs	1	2	3	4	5	N/A

Optional Comments:

Signature of Reference:

Date: _____

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