**Rockdale Youth Leadership**

**2023-2024**

Thank you for your interest in the Rockdale Youth Leadership Program. You can be nominated by a student, parent, teacher, counselor, administrator, or by yourself to participate in this year’s program.

**Students must complete the application and have the reference forms completed by a counselor and a coach, teacher, or administrator at their school.**

Rockdale Youth Leadership (RYL) provides leadership development and community awareness training for 10th grade students in Rockdale County Public Schools. Through collaboration with the Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce and Rockdale County Public Schools, aspiring youth leaders will have the opportunity to interact with local decision makers and participate in community service activities. During the program, students will interact with community leaders, local elected officials, and school administrators to enhance their awareness of community needs and resources. Through interactive workshops, special tours, and community service projects, RYL participants will develop the knowledge and skills necessary to become confident, caring leaders in their community and respective schools. To be nominated for participation in RYL, students must have met the following criteria:

* Demonstrate leadership potential. (school/community)
* Minimum 2.5 GPA.
* Student in good standing with clear attendance and behavior records. (We review high school attendance and discipline reports.)
* Willing to participate in community service activities.
* Willing to participate in all sessions after school including some Saturdays.
* Willing to pursue a school leadership role following participation in the program.
* Complete the application in its entirety.

The RYL program is held from September 2023 to April 2024. Please review the entire RYL application packet to understand all the requirements. **The RYL Class of 2024 will kick-off on September 12, 2023, with an orientation session**. Please see the calendar inside for details. *(Dates subject to change.)* ***Accepted students must attend the orientation session along with at least one parent.***

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2023-2024 Application

TYPE or PRINT NEATLY

Student Part: Personal Information

Applicant’s Name:

Name you prefer to be called:

Home Address:       Apt #:

City, State, Zip:

Home phone:       Cell phone:

Your e-mail:

Your age:       Race:       Gender:

Your high school:

Your career pathway:

Hobbies/leisure time activities:

Plans following your high school graduation:

**Select Your Shirt Size: (Men’s/Women’s shirt):**

**X-Small** **Small** **Medium** **Large** **XL** **2XL**

Counselor Name:

Second Recommendation Form Completer’s Name:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian E-mail:

Parent/Guardian Cell Number:

**School and Community Involvement**

Please list in **ORDER OF IMPORTANCE TO YOU** (up to six) any school, club, sports, civic, religious, social, employment, or other activities in which you are a participant. Include only those activities in which you have been involved since 9th grade.

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|  | **Organization** | **Position Held** | **Dates of Involvement** |
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| Community |  |  |  |
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| Faith-Based |  |  |  |
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| **Have you been as active in school, community,**  **or faith-based activities as you would like to be?**  **Yes No If no, what has been the major barrier to greater participation?** |

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**Leadership Assessment**

**Please answer the following three questions in the space provided.**

**Use additional paper if necessary.**

**GRAMMAR COUNTS. USE CORRECT SPELLING AND PUNCTUATION.**

1. What is a critical issue facing your high school? Please include in your response how this issue affects your education and how you see youth playing a role in addressing this issue.

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1. What is your personal definition of leadership?

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1. Describe your leadership skills.

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**Rockdale Youth Leadership 2023-2024**

**Tentative Schedule\***

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| **Date** | | **Day** | **Activity** | | **Time** | **Possible Points** |
| **August 25, 2023** | | **Friday** | **Applications Due** | | **5 p.m.** | **-** |
| **September 7, 2023** | | **Thursday** | **Announce RYL class** | | **N/A** | **-** |
| **September 12, 2023** | | **Tuesday** | **Orientation – RCA Auditorium** | | **6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** | **2** |
| **September 27, 2023** | | **Wednesday** | **Leadership Retreat- RCA** | | **1:30 p.m. – 4:30p.m.** | **4** |
| **October 14, 2023**  **\*\*Mandatory\*\*** | | **Saturday** | **Giving Back to Our Community** | | **8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** | **6** |
| **November 8, 2023** | | **Wednesday** | **Educating Our Community** | | **1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** | **3** |
| **January 18, 2024** | | **Thursday** | **Dinner and Etiquette Instruction- RCA** | | **5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** | **2** |
| **February 1, 2024** | | **Thursday** | **Journey Through Justice-State Bar of Georgia Association** | | **8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** | **6** |
| **March 19, 2024** | | **Tuesday** | **Caring in Our Community-Wellness Day** | | **1:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.** | **4** |
| **March 23, 2024** | | **Saturday** | **Teen Leadership Summit- RCA** | | **8:30 a.m.-12 noon** | **4** |
| **April 11, 2024** | | **Thursday** | **Culture in Our Community** | | **1:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.** | **5** |
| **April 15, 2024** | | **Monday** | **Graduation-RCA** | | **6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.** | **-** |
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| **Total Possible Points** | | | | | | **36** |
|  |  | | | **Points needed for Graduation** | | **27** |
| **Make up Meetings:**   * Board of Education Meeting or County Commission Meeting: **1 point each** * Teen Leadership Summit (serve as a presenter minimum 3 hours): **3 points** | | | | | | |

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| ***\*Dates/times subject to change.*** *Complete schedule will be provided at Orientation.* |

**Applicant and Parent/Guardian Commitment**

To graduate from Rockdale Youth Leadership, a student is expected to earn a minimum of **27 points** by attending scheduled RYL sessions or make-up sessions as listed above. Participation in the community service day in October 2023 or an individual community service project is required to graduate. **Upon acceptance into RYL, the $85 commitment fee is due to be paid by Wednesday, September 27, 2023.** Partial and full scholarships are available based on need. RYL will not turn away any accepted student based on ability to pay. **All fees must be paid by Wednesday, September 27, 2023.**

I understand the purpose of Rockdale Youth Leadership (RYL). If selected, I will commit my time and resources to complete the program. Even though emergencies may arise, I understand that if I miss **three** regularly scheduled sessions, I may be asked to withdraw from the program. By signing this application, both my parent/guardian and I state that we understand and accept this commitment and will honor it.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Section: Parental Consent and Medical Release Form

Student Name:       Age:       Date of Birth­:

Gender:       Home Phone:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

School:

Parent / Guardian Names:

Parent / Guardian Home Phone:

Parent / Guardian Work Phone:

Emergency Contact: (*Please list two adults other than parents who may be contacted in case of emergency.)*

Name:       Phone(s):

Name:       Phone(s):

**Medical Information**

Name of Physician:       Phone:

Date of Last Physical Examination:       Drug Allergies:

Other Allergies:

Describe any physical limitations:

Describe any recent illness or injury:

Is there a history of:

Heart condition Yes  No

Diabetes Yes  No

Asthma Yes  No

Epilepsy Yes  No

Rheumatic fever Yes  No

Other (list any)

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Parent Consent and Medical Release Form (cont.)

**To Whom It May Concern:**

The undersigned do (does) hereby give permission for our (my) child,

to attend and participate in activities sponsored by Rockdale Youth Leadership for the 2023-2024 year.

We (I) authorize an adult, in whose care the minor has been entrusted by Rockdale Youth Leadership, to consent, in case of emergency, to any X-Ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical, or dental diagnosis or treatment, and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any duly licensed physician or dentist, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or dentist or at a licensed hospital.

The undersigned shall be liable and agree(s) to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the aforementioned child pursuant to this authorization.

Hospital Insurance: Yes  No

Insurance Company:

Policy No:

The undersigned do (does) also hereby give permission for our (my) child to ride any vehicle designated by the adult whose care the minor has been entrusted while attending and participating in activities sponsored by Rockdale Youth Leadership.

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*Participant Date*

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*Father (or Guardian) Date*

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*Mother (or Guardian) Date*

***Before returning application:***

* Complete all sections of the application.
* Review the calendar and session schedule to meet attendance requirement.
* Answer each short-answer question.
* Email the following link to the ***Teacher, Advisor, Leader or Coach***you indicated on the first page.
  + Teacher Link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uF7Sv_w9XE6tq60HPyOscl71UPs6wWhHo741nmi0ID9UQTdCMEowTVpSR1c1WktZNVZRR1dQUTMzSy4u>
* Email the following link to your ***School Counselor***.
  + Counselor Link <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uF7Sv_w9XE6tq60HPyOscl71UPs6wWhHo741nmi0ID9URFE5NjNURzlHTUxSWlpIOEZORlNRSlJPTy4u>
* Complete the Parental Consent and Medical Release Forms.
* Review and include all signatures
* Submit your application by **Friday, August 25, 2023**

***For more information, please contact your RYL School Contact:***

* + - **Shareka Watts – Heritage High School**
    - **Jennifer Harris- Rockdale Magnet School**
    - **Dr. Breakfield – Rockdale County High School**
    - **K. Latimore – Salem High School**

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