



What is MCYL?

Marshall County Youth Leadership is designed to prepare and build leadership resources in high school students from Marshall County. MCYL is an educational opportunity through participatory experiences. Students will learn leadership skills from communication and teamwork to self-esteem and values. MCYL is operated under the umbrella of Marshall County Leadership Challenge Alumni Association with support from businesses and organizations throughout Marshall County.

Who participates?

Twenty-five high school juniors from high schools located in Marshall County are selected to participate. Characteristics of a MCYL participant include, but not limited to:

- open to new ideas about learning
- involved in extracurricular activities
- sensitive to diversity
- willing to make a time and energy commitment
- a team player and an individual
- a good student and
- someone who is recognized by peers and teachers as a leader.

Applicant Qualifications

1. Must be a sophomore in good standing.
2. Must have maintained a minimum of a 3.0 GPA (80 average) in core curriculum subjects during his/her entire high school career (ninth grade to present).
3. Must have established a history of acceptable attendance and behavior.
4. School principal or representative must approve the student's application.

Selection Procedure

1. The selection process will consist of two phases – application and interview.
2. Applications will be scored based on content and grammar.
3. The students who earn the highest scores from each school will appear before an interview panel.
4. The interview panel will score the students based on communication, poise, maturity, self-confidence, response content and ideas. The top point earners from each school will fill the available slots assigned for their school. At least 4 students from each school will be interviewed.
5. Students are selected strictly on their own merit. Pressure applied by parents, community leaders, etc. never make a difference in the selection process.

Meeting schedule

MCYL meets the second Wednesday of each month beginning in September and ending in April during regular school hours with an evening graduation in May. A list of all the meeting dates will be provided to accepted students during the summer break and participants should arrange their schedule around these dates.

What can participants expect?

MCYL will begin in September with orientation. Meetings will focus on several different leadership traits: team building, team work, communication, goal setting, ethics and more. Participants will be a part of several group activities. This will involve some hands-on activities and a lot of interaction with each other. Participants will be expected to dress professionally or in khaki pants and provided MCYL t-shirt to each meeting. Expected dress will be announced prior to each meeting. MCYL will strive to develop many new skills and enhance the skills that may already exist.



List in order of importance to you, up to five school, community, civic, religious, social, athletic and other organizations of which you have been a member.

Organization #1 - _____

Length of Membership - _____ Offices Held? _____

Why is this organization important to you? _____

Organization #2 - _____

Length of Membership - _____ Offices Held? _____

Why is this organization important to you? _____

Organization #3 - _____

Length of Membership - _____ Offices Held? _____

Why is this organization important to you? _____

Organization #4 - _____

Length of Membership - _____ Offices Held? _____

Why is this organization important to you? _____

Organization #5 - _____

Length of Membership - _____ Offices Held? _____

Why is this organization important to you? _____



Based on your involvement in the organizations listed on the previous page, describe something that you have accomplished. Why is this accomplishment significant to you? How does this accomplishment benefit you or others?

Describe in your own words a problem facing your high school (or the high schools of Marshall County as a whole) and describe any recommendations for how you could promote a solution to this problem.



Rules & Guidelines

1. **Conduct:** Students **MUST** maintain a high standard of conduct and must maintain excellent grades to remain in the program. Students will be dismissed from the program after a one-time disciplinary action from his or her school or the MCYL directors. A 3.0 GPA must be maintained throughout the student's junior year.
2. **Dress:** Participants will be expected to dress professionally or in khaki pants and MCYL t-shirt to each meeting. Expected dress will be announced prior to each meeting. Participants will be provided one MCYL t-shirt.
3. **Attendance:** Students are required to attend 100% of the scheduled programs. In case of serious illness, a doctor's excuse will be required. Other exceptions will be considered by the MCYL directors on a case by case basis. Other school activities will not be considered excusable absences.
4. **Extracurricular:** Students are expected to complete any outside assignments given by the MCYL directors. These assignments include but are not limited to participation in government meetings, education meetings, community events, and completion of a MCYL notebook.

I have read the Marshall County Youth Leadership Rules and Guidelines and by signing below I agree to the terms and expectations for being a part of this group if selected for the 2020-2021 academic year.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO YOUR MCYL SPONSOR BY MARCH 13th.

Applicant's Signature

Date



This page must be completed by your high school counselor and principal ONLY!

Students' cumulative high school grade point average on a 4.0 scale, from the 9th grade through the first semester of the 10th grade

**Please attach a copy of the applicant's high school transcript
(9th grade and 1st semester 10th grade ONLY).**

By signing, the principal or his/her representative is indicating that the applicant meets the minimal qualifications as indicated below.

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Signature of Principal or his/her Representative

Date

(For administrative or sponsor use only)

Please provide any addition information below that you would like the MCLCAA board to know about this student.

Comments: _____
