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Youth Leadership Jefferson County (YLJC) is an innovative program designed to develop the community leadership potential of high school students in Jefferson County. YLJC is a program of the **West Chamber Serving Jefferson County Foundation**.

Each full-day monthly session (September to May) focuses on one aspect of the community and emphasizes a key leadership concept. Monthly sessions include business, health, human services, public safety, justice, arts and media, education, and government.

The program days are designed to give students a chance to interact with community leaders and institutions, to explore educational and career options, to experience leadership through hands-on activities and to broaden their perspectives on community issues.

“What makes Youth Leadership Jefferson County come to life are its participants from high schools throughout Jefferson County with 35 distinct views of the world.”

Michael Dawson, YLJC Founder
YLJC Class of 1999-2000

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Tuition is \$150.

Deadline

YLJC applications for the
2011-2012 class must be
postmarked by

Friday, May 6, 2011

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"In my three years with the program I have seen so many students come out of their shells and really grow in all sorts of ways, but especially as leaders, who seem well equipped to lead this next generation."

John Dyer, YLJC Class of 2007

2011-2012 YLJC Program Days

The YLJC program year begins with Orientation on a Friday evening and a retreat all day Saturday. The Conclusion activity is on a Saturday morning prior to the Graduation luncheon. **Most program days are scheduled on the first Wednesday of every month** (dates subject to change).

Orientation/Retreat/Teambuilding (August 26 & 27, 2011)
Friday evening, parents are welcomed to join the student participants for an overview of the exciting year ahead and participate in get-to-know-you activities. During the day on Saturday, students participate in teambuilding activities through interactive games and a ropes course.

Health/Values (October 5, 2011)
Students explore the issues of our complex health delivery system. The class participates in discussions and learns about the continuum of healthcare services provided from prevention through hospitalization.

Justice/Character (November 9, 2011)
Students experience the criminal justice system and learn about character from key leaders. The class visits courtrooms and tours a correctional facility.

Human Services/Education/Appreciating Differences (December 7, 2011)
Students learn from experts firsthand about current and important trends in the human services and education fields. The class explores agency services and learning/leadership styles.

Business/Ethics (January 11, 2012)
Students learn from executives about the types of leadership necessary to survive and thrive in an increasingly global market. Business leaders share ethical decision-making skills needed to prepare them for everyday challenges and to help them understand the role of economic development in creating a healthy community.

Arts and Media/Communications (February 1, 2012)
Students tour a news organization and discuss with journalists their roles and current issues. The second portion opens the door to creative professionals of the art world who share communication skills through a variety of hands-on activities.

Government/Collaboration (March 7, 2012)
City, county and state lawmakers and officials discuss processes needed to maintain the rights of individuals while ensuring the common good. Students participate in sessions on current and relevant city, state, and local government issues.

Public Safety/Taking Charge (April 11, 2012)
Public safety professionals share their leadership perspectives. Students visit a fire-training academy and meet with law enforcement officers. The day provides valuable insights into taking charge of any situation.

Graduation/Conclusion (May 5, 2012)
The class comes together a final time to reflect on the year. Participants, their guests, and sponsors celebrate the completion of the Youth Leadership Jefferson County program with a very special graduation.

How YLJC Began

Youth Leadership Jefferson County was envisioned by a high school student who saw the need for a program specifically designed to develop and promote young leaders in Jefferson County. The program was designed to bring together local youth to discuss and explore leadership in unique and innovative ways.

YLJC Goals

- Develop Jefferson County high school students' leadership potential by integrating existing knowledge with real world leadership experience.
- Broaden students' perspective on a variety of community issues by interacting with business and community leaders.
- Expose students to a variety of career options and volunteer opportunities within the community.
- Encourage students' self-evaluation of civic responsibility and contribution as future leaders in the community.

How YLJC Works

Students submit an application for the **Youth Leadership Jefferson County Program** by Friday, May 6, 2011. Applicants must be sophomores, juniors or seniors during the 2011-2012 school year. Required application documents include answers to all questions on the application and written permission from a parent or guardian, a high school counselor, and a principal. Students must also submit two letters of recommendation, one from a teacher, counselor, coach or administrator and one from an adult in the community. By July, up to 35 Jefferson County high school students will be selected for the program. Once accepted to the program, students will be expected to participate in full-day monthly sessions from September through May. **Tuition is \$150.**

Need-based scholarships are available.

How YLJC is Funded

Youth Leadership Jefferson County is a program of The West Chamber Serving Jefferson County Foundation. YLJC is supported by grants, individual donations, and business sponsorships, as well as in-kind donations. To find out how to help Youth Leadership Jefferson County continue to give students the opportunity to grow as leaders, call The West Chamber Foundation at 303-233-5555.

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