**Rockdale Youth Leadership**

**2016-2017**

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.**

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* 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 2016 through May 2017. Please review the entire RYL application packet to understand all of the requirements. The RYL Class of 2017 will kick-off on Tuesday, September 27, with an orientation session. Please see the calendar inside for details. *(Dates subject to change.)* ***Parents should attend the orientation session.***

**The RYL application deadline is Friday, September 16, 2016 – 12 NOON.**

**Applications may be submitted electronically or as a hard copy.**

* **Hard copy:** To submit a hard copy of the application, complete the form and return it to Tami Maddox, RCPS Work-Based Learning & Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Rockdale Career Academy, 1064 Culpepper Drive, Conyers, GA 30094.
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**Be sure that teacher and counselor references are sent in a timely manner, so the person**

**making the reference can complete and return the form by the deadline.**

*If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:*

*Tami Maddox, RCPS Work-Based Learning & Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator*

*678-584-3080 (work cell) or* [*tmaddox@rockdale.k12.ga.us*](mailto:tmaddox@rockdale.k12.ga.us)

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2016-2017 Application

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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**

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** |
| School |  |  |  |
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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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Teacher, Advisor, Leader, Coach - Reference Form

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**STUDENT NAME:**       **School:**

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**How long have you known this student?**

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| **RATINGS**  **Please rank this student in comparison to the general population at your school.** | | | | | |
|  | Needs Improvement | Fair | Average | Excellent | Outstanding |
| **Maturity/Responsibility** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Comments: | | | | | |
| **Attitude** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Comments: | | | | | |
| **Attendance/Punctuality** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Comments: | | | | | |
| **Problem Solving Skills** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Comments: | | | | | |
| **Interpersonal Skills** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Comments: | | | | | |
| **Personal Values/Ethics** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Comments: | | | | | |
| **Would you recommend this student for the RYL program?** | | | | | |
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| **Any qualities about this student you wish to share:** | | | | | |

***Teacher, Advisor, Leader, Coach Name:***       ***School/Organization:***

***E-mail Address:***

***Contact Number and best time to reach if needed:***

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Counselor - Reference Form

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**How long have you known this student?**

***Is this student on track for graduation?***       ***Current GPA:***

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| **RATINGS**  **Please rank this student in comparison to the general population at your school.** | | | | | | |
|  | | Needs Improvement | Fair | Average | Excellent | Outstanding |
| **Maturity/Dependability** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Comments* |  | | | | | |
| **Discipline Record** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Comments* |  | | | | | |
| **Attendance/Punctuality** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Comments* |  | | | | | |
| **Initiative** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Comments* |  | | | | | |
| **Communication/Listening Skills** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Comments* |  | | | | | |
| **Would you recommend this student for the RYL program?** | | | | | | |
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| **Any qualities about this student you wish to share:** | | | | | | |

***Counselor Name:***       ***School:***

***E-mail Address:***

***Contact Number and best time to reach if needed:***

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**Tentative Schedule\***

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| **Date** | **Day** | | **Activity** | | **Time** | **Possible Points** |
| **September 16** | **Friday** | | **Applications Due** | | **12 noon** | **-** |
| **September 19** | **Monday** | | **Announce RYL class** | | **N/A** | **-** |
| **September 27** | **Tuesday** | | **Orientation – RMSST Cafetorium** | | **6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** | **2** |
| **October 11** | **Tuesday** | | **Leadership Retreat - RCA** | | **5 p.m. – 8 p.m.** | **3** |
| **October 25** | **Tuesday** | | **Protecting Our Community** | | **5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** | **3** |
| **November 8** | **Tuesday** | | **Working in Our Community** | | **9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** | **5** |
| **November 12** | **Saturday** | | **Teen Leadership Summit at RCA** | | **8 a.m. - 12 noon** | **5** |
| **November 29** | **Tuesday** | | **Dinner and Etiquette Day** | | **5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** | **3** |
| **January 12** | **Thursday** | | **Caring in Our Community** | | **5 p.m. – 8 p.m.** | **3** |
| **February 15** | **Wednesday** | | **Leading in Our Community** | | **2 p.m. – 5 p.m.** | **3** |
| **February 21** | **Tuesday** | | **Leading Our State** | | **7 a.m. – 3 p.m.** | **8** |
| **March 2** | **Thursday** | | **Culture in Our Community** | | **5 p.m. – 7 p.m.** | **2** |
| **March 14** | **Tuesday** | | **Educating Our Community** | | **2 p.m. – 5 p.m.** | **3** |
| **April 29** | **Saturday** | | **Giving Back to Our Community** | | **8 a.m. - 11 noon** | **4** |
| **May 1** | **Monday** | | **Graduation - RCA** | | **6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** | **2** |
| **Total Possible Points** | | | | | | **46** |
|  | |  | | **Points needed for Graduation** | | **40** |
| **Make up Meetings:**   * Board of Education Meeting or County Commission Meeting: **1 point each** * MLK Breakfast (January 16 at Longhorn's Steakhouse): **2 points** * Spring Parent Academy (serve as volunteer minimum 3 hours) – March 18, 2017: **3 points** * Legislative Breakfast – date to be determined (usually on a Tuesday at 7 a.m.): **2 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 at least 31 points by attending RYL sessions or attending make up sessions. Students and parents will be informed of make-up opportunities throughout the RYL 2016-2017 program. Participating in the community service day with Hands Across Rockdale in April 2017 is also a requirement to graduate. 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 sessions, I may be asked to withdraw from the program. In signing this application, both my parent/guardian and I understand and accept this commitment and honor it.

**Upon acceptance into RYL, a $75 commitment fee is requested to be paid at the Orientation Program on Tuesday, September 27.** Partial and full scholarships are available based on need. RYL will not turn away any accepted student based on ability to pay.

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

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

**(If submitting application electronically, application can be signed at Orientation.)**

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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 2016-2017 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.

**(If submitting application electronically, application can be signed at Orientation.)**

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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.
* Have the Reference form completed by a ***Teacher, Advisor, Leader or Coach****.*
* Have the Counselor Reference form completed by a ***Counselor***.
* Complete the Parental Consent and Medical Release Forms.
* Review and include all signatures
* Submit your application by September 16, 2016 – 12 noon.

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

* + - **Nancy Turney – Heritage High School**
    - **Lauren Lewin – Rockdale Magnet School**
    - **Myra Williams – Rockdale County High School**
    - **Tami Maddox – Rockdale Career Academy**
    - **Cecile Cooper – Salem High School**

**Application Submission**

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