ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS



LN Interest Meeting 8/25/2022

6:00pm at Train Depot

Are you a LEADER

Or

A follower?

4-H

WARNING:

Reading further in this info packet

May lead you to be interested

In applying for the Youth Leadership Team

“LEADERSHIP NESHOBA”

In Neshoba County.

Being involved in this group will help

Prepare you for leadership roles

Not only now but in the future as well.

READ WITH CAUTION!

LEADERSHIP NESHOBA

Read below to find out why we exist and how you can apply!

1. Why We Exist: To develop youth leadership in Neshoba County by providing structured opportunities for interaction with other youth and community leaders and for growth in understanding of character development issues, personal leadership styles and community responsibility opportunities.
2. Our Purpose: This program will bring together a diverse group of high school juniors to participate in a program focused on developing an understanding of personal leadership styles, learning personal and community responsibilities and reviewing character development. We want to provide each student with the basic tools, resources and action plans on how to respond to a leadership role now and in the future.
3. Objectives:
   * + - To acquaint students with community needs, resources, and other

Factors that influence the future development of Neshoba County.

* + - * To encourage students to recognize their own potential and develop

Their leadership skills

* + - * To foster the students’ interest in voluntary community involvement
      * To inspire students to encourage the leadership potential of their peers

By becoming “AMBASSADORS” of their schools and community

* + - * To expand the students understanding of Community Service.

APPLICATION DETAILS

1. *Leadership Neshoba* is open to all school juniors that reside in Neshoba County, provided permission is given from the school. These students should have proven or potential leadership skills.

2. Applications may be picked up in the Guidance Counselor’s Office, at the 4-H office (Neshoba County Coliseum, 12000 Hwy 15 N), or the Community Development Partnership (historic train depot, 256 W Beacon Street).

3. Students will be chosen based on application, reference letters, and signature of principal, guidance counselor, parents/guardians and written essays. All applicants must have a 2.5 out of a 4.0 GPA for the previous school year. The essay (one page) should describe why you would like to be in LEADERSHIP NESHOBA and what you hope to gain if selected into the program.

1. Efforts will be made to balance participants according to schools, geography, race and sex.
2. The number of members will be limited to no more than 24 in order to encourage maximum personal participation.
3. There is no cost to apply. However, if selected to participate, the cost for the program will be $30.00. Ability to pay WILL NOT effect the selection of the participants and assistance is available upon request. LEADERSHIP NESHOBA will be funded through partnerships with local individuals, groups and businesses.
4. Neatness counts. Type the application if at all possible. Otherwise print your application neatly in black ink.
5. If for any reason any part of the application is not complete, the student will be disqualified from further consideration.
6. ALL applications must be completed and delivered to the Community Development Partnership (old train depot) by Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 4:00pm.

10. Decisions by the selection committee will be final. Applicants will be notified by letter of their acceptance/rejection into the program.

11. A copy of your discipline records from the school or a letter from your principal stating you have no discipline record is required to be submitted in with your application.

12. Students will be encouraged to participate in up to 20 hours of Community Service.

HOW WE’LL MEET

PARENT, STUDENT, COORDINATOR AWARENESS MEETING - A meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the historic train depot located at 256 W. Beacon St. in Philadelphia, to discuss the curriculum for the 2022-2023 school year. It is MANDATORY for one parent to attend. If you cannot attend you must call Tim Moore, coordinator, at 601-656-1000, to let him know. Times and dates for events, student responsibilities, insurance liability, 4-H information, etc. will be discussed.

MONTHLY SESSIONS - Each session will be held on a school day in the meeting room of the historic train depot located at 256 W. Beacon St. (unless otherwise announced) from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Participation in the monthly sessions is required. These sessions will include field trips, group discussions, tours, service projects and problem solving, etc. If a student needs to be absent, a parent/guardian must call Tim Moore at the above number. If a student does not show up, we will call the school to report that the student was absent. An unexcused absence may mean being dismissed from the program.

OPENING RETREAT – There will be an all day retreat plus evening of team building exercises.

The retreat is MANDATORY for all selected participants NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

MEETINGS MANDATORY – All Meetings are MANDATORY and attached are a calendar of meeting dates. We expect all students to be present for the entire meeting. Please do not schedule any appointments on these days. We will only accommodate mandatory school activities.

TRANSPORTATION – To and from the meeting location will be the responsibility of the individual student. If help is needed, please contact the Community Development Partnership Office or the county 4-H office. Once at the meeting location, transportation will be provided for safety reasons and to allow the group to ride together.

ATTIRE - Khaki skirt or slacks with the designed shirt will be required to be worn at each session.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

POSSIBLE TOPICS AT SESSIONS *–* Personal leadership, courage/conviction, effective communication*,*  time management, volunteerism, resumes, personal journal, health care, business etiquette, career choices, character building, finance and banking, industry, housing, entrepreneurial workshop, criminal and judicial system, peer pressure and negative influences, government, education, leadership styles and more.

APPLICATION DEADLINE - The final deadline for receiving applications for LEADERSHIP NESHOBA is Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.! Applications must be received in a sealed envelope. Applications can be personally delivered to the Community Development Partnership OR mailed to:

Community Development Partnership

LEADERSHIP NESHOBA

P. O. Box 330

Philadelphia, MS 39350

Class Schedule

Wednesday, August 31 Application Deadline (by 4:00 p.m.)

September 20 Parent/Guardian/Student Meeting

6:00 p.m. Depot

October 24 All Day Retreat plus team building exercises

November 2 1st Meeting

December 7 2nd Meeting

January 18 3rd Meeting

February 1 4th Meeting

March 1 5th Meeting

March 29 6th Meeting

April 24 Banquet (Location TBA)

*All dates subject to change*

Leadership Neshoba

CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION FORM

(Please type. Return to **CDP**)

**Please fill out completely!**

**DEADLINE DATE/TIME: *Wednesday, August 31, 2022, 4:00 p.m.***

NAME: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name you prefer to be called: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CITY\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_E-MAIL ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CLASS/GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_BIRTHDAY\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SEX:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_RACE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SHIRT SIZE (this will be a collared; polo-type shirt may run a little big):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY OF THE ABOVE BLANK.

**Leadership Neshoba**

***(If additional space is needed, attach extra sheet.)***

1. Write a paragraph describing your primary strengths and talents.
2. I would like to improve myself in the following areas (be specific):
3. I participate in the following school and community activities:

Would sports or other extracurricular activities interfere with this program? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. List any special honors or awards received since 7th grade:
2. List work and volunteer experience:

Would your work interfere with this program? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. List additional information that would be helpful in our selection process:
2. List up to 3 things that cause you the greatest concern about Neshoba County:
3. List up to 3 opportunities that Neshoba County has to offer:
4. List the two references that will be writing letters of recommendation (no family members).

Please attach the letter and reference form in a sealed envelope in the sealed application envelope. Be sure they know and understand the deadline requirements.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (Daytime) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (Daytime) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. ESSAY **(one typed page):** Why I would like to participate in the Neshoba County Youth Leadership Program and what I hope to gain from my involvement.

**Return the application in a sealed envelope to**

**Community Development Partnership.**

**Deadline for applications is Wednesday, August 31, 2022, 4:00 p.m.**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Tim Moore Anna Byrd**

**Chamber Director 4H Extension** [**mooretim1975@gmail.com**](mailto:mooretim1975@gmail.com)[**abw456@msstate.edu**](mailto:abw456@msstate.edu)

**601-416-3929 601-325-3158**

**601-656-1000 601-656-4011**

**Checklist**

* **Typed application**
* **Typed essay**
* **Necessary signatures**
* **2 reference letters in sealed envelopes with**

**Reference Form**

* **Copy of discipline record**
* **Keep the information pages of the packet for your**

**Reference**

* **Application in sealed envelope**

**GUIDANCE COUNSELOR AND PRINCIPAL COMMITMENT:**

**(Home school applicants are required to have signature of County Attendance Officer)**

This application has the full approval of this school and the applicant has our full support, which includes the time required to participate in this program.

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL’S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Home School Children Only)

COUNTY ATTENDANCE OFFICER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN COMMITMENT:**

This application has my full approval and the applicant has my support and permission, which includes the time required to participate in the program.

PARENT/GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT COMMITMENT AND PLEDGE:**

Neshoba County Youth **LEADERSHIP NESHOBA** Program is a planned learning experience, which requires 100% attendance from the opening retreat to the closing session. To make sure you do not have unavoidable conflicts, please compare your schedule with the program calendar dates on the enclosed information sheet.

**I wish to participate in the Neshoba County Youth LEADERSHIP NESHOBA Program. I have the full support of my principal, guidance counselor and parent/guardian for the time required to participate. I will be able to attend the opening retreat and all monthly sessions and I understand that any unexcused absence means being dropped from the program.**

**I also agree to uphold a moral obligation to LEADERSHIP NESHOBA to behave in a manner that is acceptable and appropriate. I will not participate in anything that is illegal or morally questionable. I will not do anything that would embarrass me, my family, my school or LEADERSHIP NESHOBA.**

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in applying for assistance to pay my $30.00 if accepted into this program.

Yes\_\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**LEADERSHIP NESHOBA**

**REFERENCE FORM**

**Please type**

**This section to be completed by applicant**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**To the Reference**

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**LEADERSHIP NESHOBA**

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