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**Your annual Youth
Leadership Program**

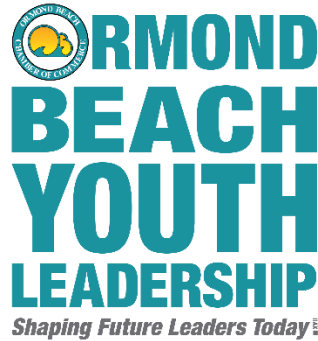
for Ormond Beach
area high school
students that will
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participants to
become future
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ORMOND BEACH

YOUTH LEADER SHIP PROGRAM | XVII

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2026 Application Packet

1. Program Information
2. Program Calendar
3. Application Form
4. Reference Form
5. Latest Report Card

Important – Be sure the application is signed by

Student

Parent

School Official

Empowering participants to become community leaders

Ormond Beach Youth Leadership Program

Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce

165 W. Granada Boulevard

Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Phone (386) 677-3454

Email: Ptropea@ormondchamber.com

APPLICANTS

Please review the following information before completing your application form.

CRITERIA AND COMMITMENT

- Students in the Ormond Beach Youth Leadership Program must commit to a high standard of attendance and participation in the program sessions. Please note the dates on the program calendar. Being absent for more than 2 sessions which includes coming in late or leaving early will result in dismissal from the program.
- **Please be sure that you DO NOT have any conflicts with the program calendar before applying.**

All Sessions are on Wednesdays from 3:00pm to 6:00pm

ELIGIBILITY

- Volusia County Student, Public, Private, or Homeschooling
- The student must be a high school junior, or senior as of August 2026.
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 unweighted at the time of application, which must be maintained during the program.
- Demonstrate a high standard of character, behavior, interest and/or leadership skills in extracurricular activities.
- Having an interest in learning about community issues and ways to lend leadership.

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

- Submit your application before August 21, 2026. Applications are online at www.ormondchamber.com, visiting the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce during regular business hours, or email ptropea@ormondchamber.com.
- Fill out the application form completely.
- All signatures are required.
- You may email, mail or drop off your completed application to:
Ormond Beach Youth Leadership Program
Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce
165 W. Granada Blvd Ormond Beach, FL 32174
Email: Ptropea@ormondchamber.com

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BY AUGUST 21, 2026

SELECTION PROCESS

- All applications will remain confidential
- The Ormond Beach Youth Leadership Program Selection Team will review the applications and select the finalist
- Program is limited to 20 students
- All applicants will be notified in writing of the Selection Team's decision by August 27, 2024

TUITION

If selected, there is no cost for the overall program. Traveling to and from the program locations is the responsibility of the student.

Program locations are subject to change. Scheduled dates will remain the same

Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Health & Wellness Day – Halifax Hospital

Students will learn from health and wellness centers and businesses and learn how to explore an interest in a career in the health field. Students will be exposed to career opportunities in the health care field.

Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Historical Day – Casements / Bus tour

Students will take a guided bus tour to see all the hidden secrets and treasures of Ormond Beach.

Wednesday September 30, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Leadership Development Day – Security First Insurance Company

The first session includes a workshop with leadership development expert Teresa Rand. This session will also encourage class participation,

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Business of Sports & Partnerships Day - Daytona International Speedway

Students will be exposed to career opportunities. Learn about speedway business operations, as well as Advent Health and NASCAR Partnership.

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

City Government - Economic Development – City Commission Chambers

The students will have an opportunity to interact with local elected officials and be exposed to career opportunities.

Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Public Safety Day/ Fire Station # 92

Students will interact and learn from our community public safety leaders and be exposed to career opportunities in that field.

Wednesday, October 28, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Flex Week

This week is reserved in the event a session needs to be rescheduled due to weather or scheduling conflicts.

Wednesday, November 4, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Graduation Dinner - Location TBD

Graduation, Dinner, and Motivational Speaker. Details to come.

DRESS CODE AND TRANSPORTATION

- Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the assembly point.
- Transportation during each session will be provided (if applicable). The pick-up location is always the same as the drop-off location.
- On program days, planners will be there 15 minutes early, in case you are dropped off.
- Always wear your OBYL shirt, name tag, comfortable walking shoes and nice slacks, business casual. Air-conditioned buildings can get cold, so consider bringing a sweater. Be prepared for rain.
- If you get lost, you can call the Chamber (386) 677-3454 for directions.

_____ **Students Initials**

APPLICATION FORM

All applicants and school officials will be notified in writing of the selection committee's decision. Please return the application to: Ormond Beach Youth Leadership Program. Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce, 165 W. Granada Blvd. Ormond Beach, FL 32174 or email to: ptropea@ormondchamber.com

Personal Information

Name (First) _____ (Last) _____

Name for nametag if different _____

Your Email Address _____

Parent's Email Address _____

Home Address _____ City _____

Zip Code _____

Your Cell Number (____) _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number (____) _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number (____) _____

Grade level as of August 1, 2026 (please circle one): Sophomore Junior Senior

Shirt Size _____

Do you have any medical conditions, physical limitations, food allergies, or dietary restrictions we should be aware of (including vegetarian, vegan)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list _____

RECOGNITIONS

List awards, honors or recognitions for school or community related activities you have received over the last two years. (use space below only)

WORK EXPERIENCES

List any job experiences, paid or volunteer, and briefly tell what they involved.

Do you currently have a part-time job?

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list in order of importance to you, up to five schools, volunteer, religious, social, athletic or other activities in which you have participated during the last two years. Include any leadership roles.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. What do you like about yourself?

2. Who is your hero or heroine?

3. What qualities do you admire in others?

4. What are your leisure time activities?

5. What is your favorite subject in school and why?

6. Why do you want to participate in Ormond Beach Youth Leadership?

7. Which session listed on the program calendar interests you most? Why?

8. How did you find out about the Ormond Beach Youth Leadership Program?

ESSAY TOPIC

“Community Needs and Issues Important to Me”

If you could change anything in your community, what would you do and why?

Please respond to the question in 100 words or less using the space provided or on a separate sheet of paper.

[illegible]

PARENTAL COMMITMENT / CONSENT – PARENT AND STUDENT MUST SIGN

APPLICANT NAME _____

I am the parent/guardian of the above-named student.

I understand the time commitment of the Ormond Beach Youth Leadership Program, and my child will not miss more than two sessions. **If my child misses more than two sessions, it will result in the dismissal of her/him from the program.**

Ormond Beach Youth Leadership Program/Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce has my full permission and consent to transport my child by public service bus, private automobile, van or other appropriate means of transportation in connection with all sessions of the program.

I give the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce the right to take my photo/video during the program and use as necessary for the Ormond Beach Youth Leadership Program promotional materials, including print, video, social media, online media, etc.

I hereby release and hold harmless Ormond Beach Youth Leadership Program/Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce, its board, staff, volunteers, members, agents, and employees. from and against any accident, injury, illness or any damage to person or property related directly or indirectly to the above -mentioned student's attendance at, or participation in, any activity or session of the Ormond Beach Youth Leadership Program. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the released parties from the released claims, including all related costs, attorney fees, liabilities, settlements, and/or judgements.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Date _____

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

SCHOOL APPROVAL OF GRADES AND CHARACTER

All applicants must have verification of their 3.0 unweighted cumulative grade point average and approval from a school official that the student has demonstrated a high standard of character and behavior. The school official must also acknowledge that the student will attend all program sessions of Ormond Beach Youth Leadership Program. Please have your school official (principal, dean or guidance counselor) sign below. The Volusia County School District will allow excused absences from all activities for the program days that fall on school days.

I APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF _____ IN THE
ORMOND BEACH YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM BASED ON THE ABOVE CRITERIA, SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE CREDIT WILL BE GRANTED FOR EACH SESSION ATTENDED.

School Official / Representative _____
Please Print

Signature of School Official/Representative _____

Title _____

School Name _____

Date _____

STUDENT ATTENDANCE COMMITMENT

Full attendance by each participant is essential in the Ormond Beach Youth Leadership Program to meet its objectives. I have read the program calendar dates and if selected I commit to attend each of the program days, the community service hours, and the graduation ceremony. **I understand that missing more than Two sessions will result in dismissal from the program.**

Signature of Applicant

Date

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Name of student _____

Please Print

Emergency Contact #1

Name _____

Relationship to student _____

Cell Number _____ Home Number _____

Work Number _____

Emergency Contact #2

Name _____

Relationship to student _____

Cell Number _____ Home Number _____

Work Number _____

My signature indicates that the information above is true to the best of my knowledge. I give permission to Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Program staff and volunteers to obtain emergency treatment for my child if needed knowing they will do everything in their control to reach me immediately before any medical treatment takes place. Should they not be able to reach me and should delay in treatment to be detrimental to my child's health, my signature gives permission for them to move forward with medical treatment to keep my child in stable condition until a parent/legal guardian is contacted.

Signature of Parent/ Legal Guardian _____

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Signature of Student _____