

# Youth Leadership BRENTWOOD



## What You Need to Know Frequently Asked Questions

### What is Youth Leadership Brentwood?

Youth Leadership Brentwood is a program of the Williamson County Chamber Foundation, the nonprofit affiliate of Williamson, Inc. Chamber of Commerce. The program is an intensive learning and networking opportunity. Class members meet with local decision-makers in many sectors, such as business and government, as well as learn about many of the community service agencies in our city. Youth Leadership Brentwood provides access to information that affects the lives of all who live, learn and work in Brentwood.

## 2019-2020 Schedule

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**Opening Class Party**  
TBA

**Opening Retreat**  
October 29 - 30, 2019

**Government Day**  
November 6, 2019

**Business & Economic  
Development Day**  
December 4, 2019

**Quality of Life Day**  
January 15, 2020

**Closing Retreat &  
Graduation**  
February 4, 2020

## Need More Information or Have More Questions?

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### What is my time commitment during the program year?

During the class year, you will be expected to participate in the opening class party, the opening class reception, opening and closing retreat/graduation, and all program days.

### What is my time commitment after graduation?

Two class members will be elected to serve on the steering board for a one-year term as mentors for the following year's class.

### Who is eligible to apply?

Our program is for sophomores and juniors who live within or go to school within the Brentwood city limits.

### What are the program days like?

Each day begins at about 8:00 a.m. and ends at about 3:30 p.m. The exact timing for each day may vary slightly. Most days begin at the Williamson, Inc. Chamber of Commerce office. If needed, you will board a bus that takes you to each site throughout the day.

### What can I expect at the opening retreat?

In 2019, the opening retreat will begin with a welcoming reception for class members and their parents. After the reception, the parents leave but the class members continue with a retreat and participate in team-building exercises led by an experienced facilitator. The next day the class learns about the history of Brentwood and participates in a variety of leadership exercises. The retreat will be held on Tuesday, October 29 and Wednesday, October 30. You can expect to get to know your classmates through a variety of fun, teambuilding exercises as you learn more about the upcoming program year.

### How many YLB graduates are there?

There are over 400 alumni. The first class graduated in 1996.



### When is the application deadline?

September 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. All applicants will be notified of the selection decision during the last week of September. Apply at [www.williamsonchamber.com/leadership-programs/](http://www.williamsonchamber.com/leadership-programs/)

### What happens if I miss a program day?

Your commitment to the program is critical to its success. Missing a program day, unless due to an emergency or death in the family, will result in your dismissal from the program.

### How is the class selected?

The selection of class members is based on a variety of factors, including their connection to Brentwood and their demonstrated commitment to their schools and community. Ideally, each class will be comprised of leaders from a cross-section of various schools, representing the many special students who live in Brentwood.

### What if I'm not selected?

If you are a sophomore, we encourage you to reapply next year.

### What are the costs involved?

Tuition is \$300 per person and covers meals, transportation and program materials.