Youth Leadership Rutherford serves as a personal development program designed to educate and enhance the quality of leadership skills of high school seniors while promoting community awareness.

Program Format and Content

Youth Leadership Rutherford (YLR) consists of an orientation day in September, seven program days from October through April, and graduation in April. Each program day focuses on a real-world topic and explores issues of leadership within the context of that subject. The goal of each day is to open the minds of participants to the viewpoints that surround each topic and enable young people to become visionary leaders.

Program Objectives

- To enhance leadership skills and increase community awareness
- To provide students with a practical understanding of challenges and opportunities facing Rutherford County
- To enhance the educational experience of future leaders in Rutherford County

Past Program Topics

- Are You Ready for What's Next After High School?
- Civic Engagement - Exercising Your Constitutional Right
- Community Engagement & Volunteerism
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- Getting to Know Rutherford County
- Personal Branding & Financial Success
- Your Role as a Leader in Rutherford County Today and Tomorrow