



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 session in August, six program days beginning in September, and concluding with a program day and graduation ceremony in March. Each program day is dedicated to a real-world topic, with a focus on “leadership” within the context of that subject. The goal is to open participants’ minds to various viewpoints surrounding each topic, empowering young students to become visionary leaders.

Program Objectives

- Enhance leadership skills and increase community awareness through community engagement
- Provide students with a practical understanding of challenges and opportunities facing Rutherford County

Past Program Topics

- Business & Economic Development
- Civic Leadership
- Leading with Purpose
- Healthcare in our Community
- Life Lessons for Leaders