



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 August, six program days from September through April (excluding October and March due to fall breaks and spring breaks), 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 via civic engagement
- To provide students with a practical understanding of challenges and opportunities facing Rutherford County
- To enhance the practice of civil discourse while learning about understanding one another

Past Program Topics

- Telling Our Story
- Becoming a Responsible Citizen
- Learning and Leading In Our Community
- It's All About You
- Learning & Leading Through Conversations