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## ***JUNIOR LEADERSHIP BILOXI -2017***

***The purpose of the Junior Leadership BILOXI program is to produce students of outstanding character who are more sensitive to the needs of the community and are better able to contribute to society.***

### **CRITERIA:**

1. You must be a 9<sup>th</sup> grader residing or attending school in the City of Biloxi that has not participated or graduated from Junior Leadership Biloxi in the past.
2. You must provide a **COMPLETED APPLICATION**.
  - Applicants must use this form – **DO NOT REGENERATE**
  - Type or print in **BLACK INK**
  - An **OVERALL “80” average is REQUIRED**
  - Include with your application a copy of your 1<sup>st</sup> term report card
  - Make sure all items on the application are answered fully and signatures and dates are included
  - **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE CLASS**
3. You must attend **ALL** sessions.
  - Those failing to attend **ALL** sessions may be asked to withdraw or may not graduate.
  - Those missing over 30 minutes of any one session or a combined 30 minutes of several sessions may be asked to withdraw or may not graduate.
4. Completed applications must be postmarked by December 1, 2016, to: JUNIOR LEADERSHIP BILOXI, Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, Inc., 11975 Seaway Road, Gulfport, MS 39503, or handed in by 4:00 pm on **December 1, 2016 at the address listed above**. Late applications will not be accepted.

### **SELECTION COMMITTEE:**

Participants are chosen based upon the information completed in the application by a selection committee. These leaders and potential leaders should participate in clubs, education, the arts, religion, community based organizations, sports, and ethnic and minority groups and will reflect the diversity of the student body.

*(Please keep this sheet for your information before submitting this application.)*

**All applications must be postmarked by  
December 1, 2016, and MAILED to:  
Junior Leadership Biloxi  
Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce  
11975E Seaway Road  
Gulfport, MS 39503  
\*\*\*\*\*OR\*\*\*\*\***

**You may turn in your application at the  
Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce Office  
11975E Seaway Road, Gulfport, MS 39503, between  
9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday by  
December 1, 2016**

**Questions?** Call the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce, (228) 604-0014.

Parents must pick up students at the end of each session. Consult the schedule below for the ending time of each session.

**Please be prompt!**

**2017 JUNIOR LEADERSHIP BILOXI - SESSION SCHEDULE**

<b>ORIENTATION</b> <i>Parents &amp; Students attend.</i>	January 4	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Biloxi Visitors Center
<b>ETIQUETTE &amp; MANNERS</b>	January 5	3:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Biloxi Visitors Center
<b>CULTURAL DIVERSITY</b>	January 10	3:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Biloxi Visitors Center
<b>MEDICAL &amp; GOVERNMENT</b>	January 12	3:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Biloxi Visitors Center
<b>PREPARING FOR SUCCESS</b>	January 17	3:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Biloxi Visitors Center
<b>Career 101</b>	January 19	3:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Biloxi Visitors Center
<b>MILITARY</b>	January 23	3:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Biloxi Visitors Center
<b>GRADUATION CEREMONY</b>	January 31	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Hospitality Resort Management Center

All applicants will be notified via mail regarding selection in the class. Letters should be received no later than December 31, 2016, at the address listed on this application.



## **COMMITMENT FROM STUDENT**

**TO GRADUATE FROM THE JUNIOR LEADERSHIP BILOXI PROGRAM, A PARTICIPANT IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND ALL SESSIONS.**

I understand the purpose of the Junior Leadership BILOXI program and if I am selected I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. Even though emergencies do arise, any participant failing to attend, for whatever reason, may be asked to withdraw. I understand the above commitments and agree to them by signing this application. I have reviewed the schedule of sessions.

**Applicants Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **COMMITMENT AND PERMISSION FROM PARENT/GUARDIAN**

I hereby give written consent for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Junior Leadership BILOXI Program on the dates listed on the agenda.

**I understand that participants in the program leave the Biloxi Visitors Center and that the method of transportation may be a bus and/or private vehicle.** I also understand that my child will be transported from the Biloxi High School or the Biloxi Visitors Center to the session sites. I recognize that there are certain risks to participants while traveling and that the Junior Leadership BILOXI Committee's responsibility is only for reasonable supervision. I understand that the Junior Leadership BILOXI committee does not assume any liability. I understand that photos of my child may be used in conjunction with Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce promotions and marketing materials.

I fully understand the attendance policy and that transportation or transportation arrangements with the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce to and from the program are the responsibility of the parent/guardian and the student.

**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **TRANSPORTATION NEEDS:**

Transportation is offered to each student of the program to each session. The students will be picked up at his/her school and brought to the Biloxi Visitors Center for each program and to other session sites, by a Biloxi Chamber of Commerce Volunteer. ***Please indicate below if your child will or will not need transportation to the sessions.***

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**, my child will need transportation to the sessions.

\_\_\_\_\_ **NO**, my child does **NOT** need transportation to the sessions.

**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Dietary Restrictions**

Snacks and Meals will be served at every Junior Leadership Biloxi Session.

Does your child have any food allergies or dietary restrictions? \_\_yes \_\_no

If yes, list all dietary restrictions and or food allergies the participant has in the space provided below:

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## **I. INVOLVEMENT**

**A.** Include community, civic, religious, political, government, sports, social and/or other activities. Include any and all positions held (honors, awards, etc.)

**B.** Recognition/Awards for outstanding school performance for grades 7-9.

**C.** Using a few phrases or adjectives, describe yourself:

## **II. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A.** What do you feel are the three most significant problems facing the youth of the Mississippi Gulf Coast today?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

\*Briefly explain what you feel needs to be done about one of these issues:

**B.** What are your future career interests?

### **III. ESSAY**

**If you could change anything in your community, what would it be and how would you help implement this change? (Please respond to this question in 250 words or less.)**

**Remember to attach a copy of your 1<sup>st</sup> term report card to this application!**