



Eligibility Requirements

- Enrollment as a junior at Fremont High School or Archbishop Bergan Catholic High School 2024-2025 academic year
- Students selected must commit to full participation in the program.
- Participants must have the desire to develop and utilize leadership skills.

Instructions

- Application forms are available at the high school guidance office, the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce (128 East 6t St.) or online at www.fremontne.org.
- Complete the application with all the necessary signatures. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
- Completed application and reference form is due by Thursday, April 18th, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
- For further information, contact Cailin Brashear at the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce office at (402) 721-2641 or cailin@fremontne.org

Submit applications to:

By Mail:

Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce
Youth Leadership Academy
128 East Sixth Street
Fremont, NE 68025

Drop Off:

Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce
128 East Sixth Street
Fremont, NE 68025

Selection Process

- Applications will be reviewed by the Leadership & Professional Development Council to ensure an unbiased evaluation of candidates.
- Finalists will be invited to an in-person interview from which the final class selection will be made. Interviews are tentatively scheduled April 22nd – April 26th.
- Successful applicants will be notified in writing by **May 8, 2024**.

Graduation Requirements

- Attendance is required at **all** sessions. The sessions will be held during the day until approximately 3:00 p.m. and should not interfere with after school activities. Every effort will be made to avoid conflicts with other school functions. Your teachers and coaches are aware of this program and your absence from school during these sessions will be excused. One excused absence from the program may be allowed under certain pre-arranged circumstances. Participation is a privilege, so attendance is your responsibility. Participants will have the opportunity to Graduate with Honors if they fulfill the requirements set by the planning committee.
- Prepare a brief presentation of a community and service learning project demonstrating the knowledge and leadership skills gained.

Program Funding

- Through the title sponsorship of RVR Bank, each student receives a partial scholarship. The remaining tuition amount of \$300 covers all costs associated with the program including educational materials, meals, transportation, and the graduation banquet. **Scholarships may be available in certain situations.**
- Students often pay for their tuition from their part-time job income, sponsors, service clubs, employers, or parents/guardians. Each student is responsible for reporting their progress in the program to their sponsor throughout the year.
- Youth Leadership Academy is a program of the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation and RVR Bank.

VISION

Youth Leadership Academy is designed to assist participants in developing leadership skills and in expanding their awareness of the social, economic, and political challenges facing the Fremont community. The Leadership Fremont Alumni Association believes that each participant has the potential to become a leader and valuable decision-maker in the future. **In a new document, please provide your answers to the following questions:**

1. Please explain what you hope to gain by participating in Youth Leadership Academy.
2. How do you believe citizens can contribute to the betterment of their communities?
3. What do you think are the two most significant challenges facing the Fremont area? Please be specific and for each challenge suggest a solution.
4. What are your long-range goals? Where do you see yourself in ten years?
5. What strengths do you feel you will bring to the Youth Leadership Academy program?

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

List any past or present volunteer experiences including dates volunteered and job duties.

INTERNSHIP/WORK EXPERIENCE

List any past or present job experience including dates employed and duties. Start with your most recent.

AWARDS AND HONORS

List awards, honors, or recognition for academic, school, or community related activities received from the 7th through 10th grades.

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list, **in order of importance to you**, any school, religious, social, athletic, hobbies, or other activities or organizations in which you have participated in from 7th through 10th grade including your leadership responsibilities and involvement.

REFERENCES

One completed reference form is **required**. Please include your sealed reference form with your application. References are recommended from someone who knows you well, other than a parent or relative. Your high school principal, counselor, teacher, coach, scout leader, church leader, etc. often make good references.

If you have questions, please contact Cailin Brashear at the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce office at (402) 721-2641 or via email at cailin@fremontne.org.

APPLICANT COMMITMENT

“I understand the purposes of the Youth Leadership Academy program. If I am selected, I will devote my time and resources to completing the program. My attendance is expected at all sessions. If I miss more than one session, I understand that I may be asked to withdraw from the program.

In addition, I agree to complete assignments and projects required by the program. In signing this application, I understand and accept these commitments and agree to honor them.

Furthermore, I understand that my conduct at all times represents the Youth Leadership Academy program. As a role model, I pledge to make positive decisions that would be expected from an up and coming leader on my campus and in my community. I understand that inappropriate or illegal conduct outside of Leadership Academy activities may lead to my dismissal from the program and that my registration fee will be forfeited.”

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

PRINCIPAL'S AGREEMENT

Applicant's GPA (Grade Point Average) is _____ on a _____ point scale. “I support this student's application to Youth Leadership Academy and understand that the student will participate in a one-day session each month, August through April and the student will not be in class those days.”

Signature of Administrator or Guidance Counselor

Date



SAFE ENVIRONMENT FORM

In the State of Nebraska, a child 18 years and younger is considered legally a minor. Guardians of minors must provide the following information prior to the child's participation.

Child's Name: _____

Guardian Information

Guardian 1 Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, and Zip Code

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Can we text you if need be? Y N

Place of Employment: _____

Guardian 2 Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, and Zip Code

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Can we text you if need be? Y N

Place of Employment: _____

Other Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, and Zip Code

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Safe Environment

Child's School and Grade: _____

Allergies/Medications/Medical Conditions?: _____

Does your child have any special needs?: _____

Are there any circumstances in your child's life that should be brought to our attention?:

In case of an emergency, who may we contact should you be unavailable?

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
City, State, and Zip Code

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
City, State, and Zip Code

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Place of Employment: _____

**Thank you for helping us provide a safe environment for
Youth Leadership Academy students!**



PICTURE, VIDEO, QUOTES PERMISSION FORM

I give my permission for the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce to publish photographs, videos, and verbiage of _____ while participating in the Youth Leadership
Child's Name

Academy program and/or activities. I understand that these photographs, videos, and verbiage may be used for brochures, presentations to parents, students, and other interested groups, and for other public relations purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date