

Youth Leadership Beatrice Application
Empowering and Developing Our Future
For 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders in the 2025-2026 School Year

First & Last Name _____ Current Grade _____ Phone Number (____) _____

Email Address _____

Youth Leadership Beatrice provides an opportunity to engage in civic and community leadership as students. Students will develop their leadership roles, interpersonal relations, problem-solving and decision-making skills, and a sense of civic responsibility. Students will work with their peers and adults in a setting that provides real-life experiences and gives them the support and structure necessary to deal effectively with those experiences. Through this group, students will have an opportunity for tours, engagement with community leaders, and make a presentation to Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.



Youth Leadership Beatrice will have its first informational meeting as a group in May. Students will receive a text and email with details once a date and time has been set. Students will be asked to begin their leadership roles in becoming a part of the organizational process in working with Homestead Days® and the Gage County Fair.

During the summer, students will meet on July 16th at the Carnegie Building for an all-day orientation, taking place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. At this session students will experience downtown Beatrice through a Goose Chase activity, explore Main Street Beatrice, as well as engage in a consensus building workshop to identify opportunities for youth in Beatrice/Gage County.

Throughout the school year, students will meet at the high school on designated early out Wednesdays from 2:20 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. During the meetings, students will build their leadership skills through tours, collaboration, and hands-on learning experiences.

Additionally, students will be partnered with community and business members to develop their awareness of their career focus. Community and business mentors will support students in their journey as well as help each child understand how to navigate their career interest and other options available in the career field.

We are excited to empower and develop the youth in Beatrice! If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to reach out to Angie Bruna at the Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce (402) 223-2338.

Identify your career interest: _____

Please list three characteristics you consistently demonstrate that will be positive assets to Youth Leadership Beatrice.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

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**Youth Leadership Beatrice Statement**

*As a member of Youth Leadership Beatrice, I will demonstrate integrity, character, and teamwork as a student, person, and leader in the Beatrice community. I understand I am making a commitment to make the community of Beatrice a great place to live and will represent our community with a positive attitude! If I am selected to be in the class, I understand I will be held to the standard of this statement.*

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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****Email completed application to info@beatricechamber.com by May 2nd, 2025.****

Answer the following questions in paragraph form. If you need more space, you may attach another sheet of paper.

1. What opportunities do you envision for youth involvement in our community?

2. Youth Leadership Beatrice involves communication and making your voice heard while being a good leader. Explain how you would be a good leader and communicate effectively.

3. Describe one idea you have for improving Beatrice. (Your idea can pertain to community service, youth involvement, civic engagement, etc.)

Name two adults who would serve as references for you. **One should be a staff member from school, while the other adult should be from outside the school** (no immediate family members may serve as a reference - examples not to use would be a parent/guardian, brother/sister, aunt/uncle, cousin...).

You will need to ask them if they would serve as a reference for you, but they DO NOT need to write a letter for you. Please let them know that we may be contacting them for more information.

1) **School Staff Member** _____

Job Title _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

2) **Name** _____

Job Title _____

Relationship to You _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____