

**APPLICATION**

**2025**

**What is Tomorrow’s Leaders?**

The Tomorrow’s Leaders Program is designed to identify high school sophomores in Norman who have demonstrated leadership qualities and help further develop their potential. The program begins in January and will include eight sessions covering topics such as: team building, education and youth, communication, city and state government, community service and leadership roles.

**Program Activities**

* Participants will meet for 8 sessions, including one weekday session.
* Class project

**Selection**

* Applications are due by **5:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 4th, 2024**.
* All applicants, whether accepted or not accepted, will be notified by late December. The first meeting will be held **Saturday, January 25, 2025**.
* The Tomorrow’s Leaders selection process is blind. The selection committee will not know the applicants’ names when reviewing applications.

**Application**

* Applications must be typed onto this form. An electronic version of the application can be found at [https://www.normanchamber.com/tomorrows-leaders/.](mailto:https://www.normanchamber.com/tomorrows-leaders/.)
* Applications must be complete for consideration
* Include one recommendation letter from a non-relative

**Attendance**

Please consider the time commitment required to participate in Tomorrow’s Leaders. Any participant missing more than one session may be asked to withdraw from the class.

Tomorrow’s Leaders is a program of the

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**Tomorrow’s Leaders Class Schedule**

**2025**

Dates and times are subject to change

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| **Session 1 - Orientation** | Saturday, January 25 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |
| **Session 2** | Saturday, February 8 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |
| **Session 3** | Saturday, March 1 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |
| **Session 4** | Thursday, March 6 | 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| **Session 5** | Saturday, March 29 | 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. |
| **Session 6** | Saturday, April 12 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |
| **Session 7** | Saturday, April 26 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |
| **Session 8 - Graduation** | Thursday, May 8 | 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. |

We have tried to avoid as many conflicts as possible such as Spring Break, holiday weekends, ACT test dates and other events. Again, if a student cannot attend a session they need communicate with the co-chairs and Chamber staff. The primary way we will communicate with the class is via email, so each student needs to have a working email address.



**Applications are due to the**

**Norman Chamber of Commerce by**

**5 p.m. December 6th, 2024**

**Personal Information**

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| **Name** *(First, Middle Initial, Last, Suffix if any):* | | |
| **Name you wish to be called** *(i.e., “Will” instead of “Willard”)***:** | | |
| **Home Address** (Street, City, Zip): | | |
| **Home Phone:** | **Mobile Phone:** | **e-mail:** |
| ***These optional questions are included to assist in creating a class with a mix of gender, age, and racial/ethnic backgrounds. Applicants are not required to answer.*** | | |
| ***Birth Date:*** | ***Gender:*** | ***Race/Ethnic Background:*** |

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| **School:** *Underline One*  **Norman High School**  **Little Axe**  **Parent(s) email address:** |

**Norman North High School**

**Community Christian**

**Home school**

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| **Organizations and Activities:** List any school, community, religious, social, athletic or other volunteer organizations of which you are or have been a member. Mention any office or special position you have held. |
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| **Honors and Awards:** List any honors or awards you have received, and dates received. |
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| **Hobbies and Personal Interests:** |
| **Essay questions**  Please write no more than 150 words to answer each question. If you need to attach an additional page, be sure to type the question above your answer. |
| **Who is your role model (other than a family member) and give 2 or 3 examples of how they have influenced your life?** |
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| **What do you hope to gain from your participation in this program?** |
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| **What do you think are the most important characteristics of a good leader?** |
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| **What do you consider to be your most significant leadership contribution(s) or achievement(s) related to your community involvement?**      **Letter of Recommendation**  Please include a letter of recommendation from a non-relative. |

**Tuition**

If accepted into the Tomorrow’s Leaders program, you will be responsible for the $100 tuition fee.

**Scholarship *This section only needs to be completed if you are requesting tuition assistance.***

A limited number of scholarships are available. Requests for tuition assistance are not part of the selection process and in no way affects the selection of any candidate.

Inability to pay the required tuition should not discourage anyone from applying for Tomorrow’s Leaders!! You are encouraged to seek sponsorship if you require tuition assistance. Potential sponsors include civic or religious groups, social groups or clubs of which you are a member. The Norman Chamber of Commerce also offers a limited number of scholarships.

Request scholarship

**Are there any circumstances that should be considered in your request for assistance? If so, please elaborate.**

**Attendance**

Participants who miss more than one session may be asked to withdraw from the program.

Please list any dates with which you have a conflict.

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**Applicant & Parent Confirmation**

I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application. Applications must be signed by a parent or guardian.

Applicant’s Signature Applicant’s Printed Name Date

Parent’s Signature Parent’s Printed Name Date

Application checklist:

* Completed, typed application
* Applicant signature
* Parent signature
* One letter of recommendation from a non-relative

**Applications should be emailed to Chan Klingensmith,** [**chan@normanchamber.com**](mailto:melissa@normanchamber.com) **or delivered to the Norman Chamber of Commerce building.**

**Thank you for applying for Tomorrow’s Leaders!**