

## What is Junior Leadership Brazos?

JLB is sponsored by the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce for area high school juniors. The program is designed to give students an inside look at how local government, banks, law enforcement and other local entities operate. Junior Leadership Brazos provides an awareness of local history and resources that will interest students hoping to become future community leaders in the Brazos Valley or anywhere else in the world.

## What is Required?

- Applicant must be a high school junior
- Cost of involvement in JLB is \$50 each participant. Partial scholarships are available based on need and must be requested in writing.
- Mandatory attendance and participation in the retreat/ROPES course
- Attendance of at least five Monday evening sessions
- Prompt arrival to all sessions. Fifteen minutes late will be counted as an absence unless prior arrangements are made.
- A recent photograph must be included with the application.

## Program Dates:

### Kick-off Breakfast

Jan. 5, 2010  
6:30am to 8:00am

### Mandatory Retreat/ROPES Course

Jan. 9, 2010  
6:45am to 2:00pm

### Monday Night Sessions

Jan. 11 through Mar. 1, 2010  
6:00pm to 9:00pm

### Graduation

March 8, 2010  
6:00pm to 9:00pm

## What is the Purpose of the Program?

### Mission:

**To promote a community based educational program where Brazos County high school juniors may gain working insight into the community.**

### Goals:

- To help youth of Bryan/College Station become more familiar with community services and dynamic forces at work in the area.
- To assist local youth with leadership potential to provide positive influences on their peers concerning the community.
- To provide an opportunity to create positive interaction among youth of all area high schools.
- To influence youth to stay in the Bryan/College Station area, to return upon completion of their education, or to become active citizens in the communities in which they settle.
- To serve as a liaison between the graduates of Junior

## What is a ROPES course?

JLB begins with a mandatory Saturday ROPES course that will introduce the participants to each other and the program. ROPES uses adventure to enhance learning, develop trust, promote teamwork and improve self esteem. The ROPES course is an essential and exciting step in creating bonds that will last a lifetime, while developing important team skills. Mark your calendar for the ROPES course on Saturday, January 9, 2010. If selected, you MUST attend.

## How does the Selection Process Work?

Candidates will be selected from Bryan and College Station area high schools, including private and home schools. All applicants must be high school JUNIORS and residents of Brazos County. An anonymous committee will select the participants based on the uniqueness of the application, leadership traits and potential and ability to communicate personal ideas in written form. Applicant names, photograph and parent names will be withheld from the selection committee to ensure selection is based solely on the information submitted. Those chosen will be part of a single class of no more than 36 participants. Applicants will be notified by mail as to their acceptance in Junior Leadership Brazos by December 18, 2009.

## How Do I Apply?

Visit [www.beschamber.org](http://www.beschamber.org) to download the complete application.

The selection committee will evaluate applications based upon ideas presented, personality, involvement and writing skills. The application consists of 4 parts: student information, essay questions, references and the requirements and permission form.

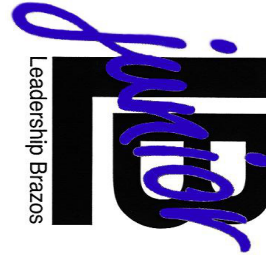
Keep in mind that the process is competitive and more applications are received than there are spots available. As stated above, the personal information will be withheld from the selection committee and applicants are completely anonymous and accepted on the quality of the application only!

Applications will be accepted by mail or in person. Emailed or faxed applications may be submitted but an original application must follow. Completed applications must be typed and submitted by the deadline of Monday, November 16th no later than 5:00pm. **INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY REASON!**

For additional information or questions regarding the program or application, please contact Dena Gaskin at [dena@beschamber.org](mailto:dena@beschamber.org) or 979.260.5200.

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**Deadline for Application  
November 16, 2009  
by 5:00p.m.**

