

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP BRAZOS 2026

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. JLB provides an awareness of local history and resources that will interest students hoping to become future community leaders.

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 B/CS become more familiar with community services and dynamic forces at work in the area
- To assist local youth with leadership potential to provide influence on their peers concerning the community
- To provide an opportunity to create positive interaction among youth of all area high schools
- To influence youth of the B/CS area upon completion of their education to become active citizens in the communities in which they settle
- To serve as a liaison between the graduates of JLB and a variety of community activities and organizations

WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- Applicant must be a high school junior
- Cost is \$50 to the student. Partial scholarships are available based on need. *A written request for assistance must be submitted with the application*
- **Mandatory attendance and participation in the Saturday retreat/ropes course.** Prompt arrival to all sessions. Fifteen minutes late will be counted as an absence unless prior arrangements are made; attendance at a total of 6 of the 8 sessions.

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS?

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, potential and ability to communicate personal ideals in writing. Applicant name, school, and parent names will be withheld from the selection committee to ensure selection 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 email as to their acceptance in JLB by Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

WHAT IS THE ROPES COURSE?

JLB begins with a mandatory Saturday ropes course that will introduce the participants to each other and the program. Ropes courses use 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. If selected, you **MUST** attend.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit <https://www.bcschamber.org/junior-leadership-brazos-jlb/> for more information.

The Selection Committee will evaluate applications based on ideas presented, personality, involvement and writing skills. The application consists of four parts: Student Information, Essay Questions, References, and Requirements and Permission

The process is competitive and more applications are received than there are spots. Personal information is withheld during the evaluation process, and applicants are completely anonymous and accepted on the quality of their application only.

Applications may be submitted via email or to your school counselor. Emailed applications may be submitted to

Jamie Hill at jamie@bcschamber.org.

Applications must be received by Friday, November 7, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY REASON.

For Additional information or questions regarding the program or application, please contact Jamie Hill at jamie@bcschamber.org or (979) 260-5200

CHECK YOUR CALENDAR FIRST!

January 22nd – Kickoff Breakfast at the Hilton College Station
January 24th – MANDATORY Ropes Retreat at TAMU Ropes Course
January 19th – MLK Jr. Day (No Session)
January 26th – Leadership
February 2nd – Criminal Justice
February 9th – Banking and Finance

February 16th – Local Government
February 23rd – Local Economy
March 2nd – Arts and Culture
March 9th – Spring Break (No Session)
March 16th – Local Agriculture
March 23rd – Medical Night
March 30th – Graduation at The Hilton Hotel

2026 JUNIOR LEADERSHIP BRAZOS APPLICATION

Applications are due by **Friday, November 7, 2025 at 5:00 PM**. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

2. Please email a headshot to jamie@bcschamber.org along with your application.
3. There is a \$50 participation fee. Please do not submit payment with the application. You will be invoiced upon selection.
4. Emailed applications are accepted to jamie@bcschamber.org. You will receive a confirmation that the application has been received. Original applications may be dropped off or mailed. Applications may also be turned into your school counselor.

Return complete, original applications to:

Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce

Attn. Junior Leadership Brazos

1733 Briarcrest Dr.

Suite 200

Bryan, TX 77802

Parts I, II, and III should be typed on the same page. Part IV must be on a separate page.

Part I: Personal Information

1. Name (will be used on your name tag)
2. Parent/Guardian Names
3. Email address
4. Parent/Guardian email address
5. Personal cell phone number
6. Parent/Guardian cell phone number
7. School name

Part II: References

1. Who referred you to the program?
2. Personal references (please contact prior to listing for permission and to confirm contact information)
 - A. Teacher/Counselor
Daytime Phone Number
Email Address
 - B. Other (not a teacher/counselor or relative)
Daytime Phone Number
Email Address

Part III: Requirements and Permission

I am completely aware of the time required as a participant of Junior Leadership Brazos, and I understand that if selected, I must attend the Orientation, Retreat/ROPES Course and at least five of the seven in order to graduate.

Applicant's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Part IV: Essay Questions

On a separate piece of paper, please type your answers to the following questions. Keep in mind that you will be selected based on ideas presented, personality, originality, involvement, and writing skills.

4. Please list, in order of importance to you, any school, employment, volunteer, religious, social, athletic or other activities/organizations in which you have participated in the last 3 years. Also include the length of time involved with each activity.
5. Select one activity/organization listed above and briefly explain how your participation has been of benefit to you and the organization.
6. What leadership trait do you feel you need to develop? Why?
7. What are 3 issues facing youth today and why are they important?
8. Choose one of the 3 issues listed above. What can you and your peers do to help?

