



Young Leaders is a program established by the Marion County Chamber of Commerce. This program runs parallel to Leadership Marion and gives students an opportunity for a deeper understanding of Marion County. Students will spend the year touring the community while learning about its strengths, challenges, and opportunities! Class members will be exposed to influential business leaders and young professionals from across Marion County and will have the chance to explore careers, ask questions of industry professionals, and discover the spirit of collaborations that make Marion County a great place to live, work, learn, and play.

Program goals:

- To develop effective styles of leadership, communication, and decision-making skills.
- To create an environment that nurtures potential young leaders to participate in school events, community service, and volunteerism.
- Acquire a network of adult leaders in the community, who can provide mentorship for their success beyond high school.
- To interact with peers, leaders, and decision makers from all segments of the community.
- To meet students from Marion County that attend other high schools and to develop mutual trust and respect for each other.
- Increase familiarity with area beyond their immediate neighborhood and schools.

Application Process

The application will be open and available for students to apply from March 18th-May 31st . The application can be accessed at www.marionchamber.com/young-leaders. **The application will require you to upload the Application Agreement with the signatures from the student, parent/guardian, and a designated school representative and a 1-2 minute video telling us about yourself and why you want to be in the program.** Students for the program will be selected and contacted by June 30th via e-mail.

Communication

All communication will be done through the Student's E-mail.

Criteria:

- 2.5 GPA or higher
- Current high school freshmen will apply and be eligible for their sophomore year.
- Be approved by the high school Principal, Counselor, or Graduation Coach
- Commit to full participation of the program.



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2023-2024 Seminar Schedule

Class Seminar days will be from 8:30am-1:30pm. Participants will go to school as normal, then be bused to Marion County Board of Education parking lot and transfer to a Marion County Transit Authority bus who will provide transportation for the day. Students are encouraged to eat breakfast. Snacks and waters will be available on the bus and lunch will be provided. Class seminar days will be the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Wednesday August 28th at 6:00pm — Mandatory Student Networking and Parent Meeting

Wednesday September 11th—Icebreakers and Recreation

Wednesday October 9th— Social Services and Non-profits

Wednesday November 13th— Mandatory Community Service

Wednesday December 4th— Local Government and First Responders

Wednesday January TBD— Healthcare and Wellness

Wednesday February 12th— Business

Wednesday March 12th— Higher Education and Workforce Development

Wednesday April 9th- 5:30pm— Mandatory GRADUATION!

*Locations TBD, Dates are subject to change

