



Greater Vidalia® Youth Leadership

208 East First Street, Vidalia, Georgia 30474

The Greater Vidalia® Youth Leadership program is for high school juniors and seniors. The program is designed to develop leadership potential and to acquaint participants with community needs, problems, and resources through interaction with community leaders and decision-makers.

MISSION STATEMENT

To enhance and apply leadership skills in the world around us by becoming active youth in our community, by influencing others in a positive way, and by being sensitive to the needs of people every day.

Application For Selection Greater Vidalia® Youth Leadership Class Of 2026/2027

Complete and return to your school counselor

OR

Email to: ambero@greatervidaliachamber.com

Application Deadline: Thursday, May 14, 2026, by 5 PM

Please type your answers

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____
(first) (last) (name preferred)

HOME ADDRESS: _____
(street and number) (city/state) (zip)

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: *(If different from Home Address)*

_____ P. O. Box or Street # (city/state) (zip)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PARENTS/GUARDIAN: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ MALE/FEMALE: _____

ETHNIC BACKGROUND: _____ SCHOOL: _____
GRADE (next year) _____

REFERENCES: (Two adults who know you well or have worked with you in some organizational or supervisory capacity.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
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List two (2) special interests or hobbies.

1. _____
2. _____

2. ACTIVITIES

Please list below, in order of importance to you, six school activities in which you are involved.

<u>School Activity</u>	<u>Years Involved</u>	<u>Leadership Role</u>
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1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

List six (6) civic, religious, social, or other activities in which you have participated. Indicate dates and your role.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Leadership Role</u>
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1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

3. AWARDS

List any honors and/or awards of special significance you have received.

4. What are 3 of your top values and why?

5. In your own words, define leadership. _____

6. Are you a rising Senior? _____
If yes, will you be enrolled in college classes during the GVYL program? _____

7. What would you hope to gain from your involvement in the Youth Leadership Program and what do you feel you could bring to the program? _____

8. What's one way you'd like to grow as a leader in the next year? How would being a part of our Youth Leadership Program enable you to do this? _____

9. How have you been a leader or displayed leadership skills or abilities?

10. Describe a decision you made that you regret and what you learned from it.

*There is a participation fee of \$50.00, payable upon selection.
Should this present a problem, scholarships are available.
Please contact Amber O'Connor at the Chamber for more information.*

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COMMITMENT TO THIS PROGRAM

The program requires commitment to attend all **8 sessions**. This is a serious responsibility, and attendance at every session is mandatory. Absences due to personal illness, a death in the family, or circumstances beyond your control may be excused, provided the GVYL Directors are notified in advance. However, attendance at Orientation is required to graduate from the program. Participants may be dropped from the class if they are absent for more than one session. If you need to leave a session early for any reason, you must notify the GVYL Directors in advance and provide a signed note from a responsible party (teacher, coach, parent, etc.) stating the reason for leaving before the end of the session. If an absence is not excused by the GVYL Directors, the participant will be required to complete two volunteer service activities at a nonprofit or approved agency before the graduation ceremony. If you are accepted into the program, all required forms and tuition payment will be due by Thursday, July 30, 2026, by 5 PM.

Participants in the Greater Vidalia® Youth Leadership Program must have the support and commitment of their parents or guardians. The signature of a parent/guardian indicates their permission and support of the applicant's participation.

Participants in the Greater Vidalia® Youth Leadership Program may be asked to share what they learn with fellow students through special programs in organizations in which they are affiliated and in their school.

By signing, I AM committing myself to the above conditions of the program and my willingness to share in any follow-up programs.

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Program Presented By:



Helpful Tips for Completing Your Application

- Please proofread your application carefully. This is a highly sought-after program, and attention to detail matters.
- If you need assistance completing the application, please contact Amber O'Connor. We are happy to help!
- This application should be completed by the student applicant. Parents or guardians should not fill it out.
- Responses should be your own original work. Please do not copy and paste answers generated by AI tools.
- Be sure to fully answer every part of each question. Some questions have multiple components.