

# JUNIOR LEADERSHIP AIKEN COUNTY



## 2022 Application



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A learning experience designed to develop leadership in Aiken County through involvement.

### Program Purpose

Junior Leadership Aiken County is a comprehensive program designed to identify, develop, and motivate leadership among 10<sup>th</sup> graders attending high schools in Aiken County. Program objectives are accomplished through a competitive selection process, team-building activities and exposure to local issues and community leaders.

Junior Leadership Aiken County participants will have the opportunity to learn more about Aiken County and how it functions from business, government, and social standpoints. The program encourages students to be concerned, active, and involved citizens.

### Program Format

Beginning with a **mandatory** one-day retreat at Camp Gravatt, the class develops an esprit-de-corps that will provide a common ground for working together on present and future community needs. They will also be responsible for a class project and committee participation.

For three months, the group meets for daylong (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) sessions each month to explore issues, problems, and opportunities facing Aiken County today and in the future. **The sessions will be held on days when the Aiken County Public School District is not in session.**

2022 Monthly Session Schedule:	Week of January 3, TBD	Meet and Greet
	January 10	Retreat at Camp Gravatt
	January 17	Economic Development/Industry
	February 21	Education/Horse Industry
	March 21	Government/Law Enforcement/Healthcare

NOTE: Given the importance of attendance, a strict policy will be adhered to for the monthly sessions.

### Participant Selection

Candidates should be residents of Aiken County and/or attend high school in Aiken County, possess an interest in the community and possess a desire to use the knowledge gained from this program to improve Aiken County. Class size is limited, and acceptance letters will be mailed and emailed on or about December 10, 2021.

### Program Cost

Tuition for Junior Leadership Aiken County is free.

### Program Sponsorship

Junior Leadership Aiken County is sponsored by Leadership Aiken County. Leadership Aiken County is an independent South Carolina Nonprofit corporation whose Board of Directors has direct responsibility for organizing and running the program. The Junior Leadership Aiken County program draws on volunteers from the community for its development and is coordinated each year by a volunteer selected from the previous year's Leadership Aiken County class or from the LAC Board of Directors.



**GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

Please answer the following questions. Use the space provided. Do not add any extra pages. Be sure to answer all questions.

**GENERAL:**

Write a paragraph describing why you are applying to Junior Leadership Aiken County. What would you hope to gain from your participation? What talents and skills can you provide Aiken County?

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**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

In order of descending importance to you, please list community activities in which you have been involved. These activities can be charitable, religious, civic, business, or school related. Describe your specific role and your contributions to the success of that activity.

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**FOCUS:**

Aiken County students must take an active role in improving the County's educational system. What do you see as the most significant problem in education in Aiken County? What impact can YOU have to improve the County in this area of concern?

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