

# Youth Leadership Program



**ST. JOSEPH COUNTY**

ESTABLISHED 1830

## Mission

To support our youth by helping them to develop the skills and attitudes they need to take part in government now and in the future.

## Vision

To improve St. Joseph County for both current and future generations by connecting the local youth and the local government.

## Goals

1. Understand local government
2. Build relationships
3. Explore job options through career and leadership training

## Schedule

October 10, 2018 6 pm to 8 pm	Overview of Local Govt., Council, Commissioners
November 14, 2018 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Parks, Health, Soil & Water, Purdue Extension
December 12, 2018 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Sheriff and Prosecutor
January 9, 2019 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Clerk, Elections, Voter Registration
February 13, 2019 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Assessor, Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder
March 13, 2019 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Courts, JJC, CASA, Archives
April 10, 2019 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Economic Development, Public Works, Area Plan
May 8, 2019 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Graduation

Topics for each meeting are subject to change. Most meetings will occur on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the County-City Building, in the Commissioners' Conference Room. Some meetings will take place at other County-owned facilities.

## Service

Participants would be required to participate in at least two community service projects that benefit the citizens of St. Joseph County and teach the importance of civic engagement. A list of approved projects will be handed out at the first meeting in October. These projects will include:

- Courts/Voter Registration - Assist in Elections
- Circuit Court - Court Experience
- Sherriff - Dare Haunted Hayride, Shop with a Cop, Explorer Post, Dare night at Skyzone
- Archives - Look up family history
- Portage Manor - Christmas Gift Program
- Parks/Soil and Water/ Purdue Extension- Rain Garden Installation, Invasive Specie Removal, River Clean Up
- Health/Parks - Passport to Play
- Parks - Sugar Camp Days
- CASA - Christmas Toy Drive
- Create your own service opportunity

## Attendance

Participants would be required to attend at least five out of the seven scheduled meetings in addition to participating in at least two service projects and attending one Commissioner meeting and one Council meeting.



Open to all High School Juniors and Seniors residing in St. Joseph County.  
**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS: SEPTEMBER 7, 2018**

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*“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can  
build our youth for the future.” - Franklin D. Roosevelt*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all activities (sports, clubs, fine arts, academics, etc.) you have  
participated in or will participate in for 2018/2019.

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What characteristics make you a good leader? In the activities listed above, do you hold a leadership position? If so, please specify.

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Please describe the last time you were a volunteer. Include your responsibilities and how you were able to contribute to the event. Include the name of the person who organized the event.

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Name of organizer: \_\_\_\_\_

What programs would you like to see in our community, and what could you do to bring this program to the community?

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Why do you want to participate in the St. Joseph County Youth Leadership Program?

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Please include a letter of recommendation from an adult leader in our community. Parent letters are not acceptable, however, a letter from a teacher, coach, etc. will be accepted. This application and the letter can either be emailed to [sjccom@sjcindiana.com](mailto:sjccom@sjcindiana.com) or mailed to:

Board of Commissioners  
Youth Leadership Program  
227 W. Jefferson Blvd., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
South Bend, IN 46601

Please list the name of your reference below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date received in Commissioner's office: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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