

Session Day Topics



Servant Leadership

Health and Human Services

Agriculture

Arts and Media

Diversity

Justice and Law

Business and Economic Development



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Hancock Youth Leadership

If you are interested in making a contribution to Hancock Youth Leadership or donating a scholarship, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 419.422.3313.





What is HYL?

Beginning with a kick-off retreat and followed by educational session days once a month, Hancock Youth Leadership (HYL) is a service and leadership program designed to give a select group of high school students the opportunity to gain valuable experience and develop crucial leadership and communication skills. In addition to the educational insight, skills are put into practice with a servant leadership project completed by the end of the program.

Who should apply?

HYL is an exclusive program offered to hard-working, exemplary high school students with a desire to expand their horizons and their exposure to businesses and organizations around Hancock County. This is an excellent networking opportunity as students are given the chance to interact with a broad range of community leaders.

HYL is offered to high school juniors with students applying for the program during their sophomore year.

What is my commitment?

Students accepted into HYL are expected to attend the kick-off retreat, all seven session days, and the graduation celebration on the evening of the last session. Generally, HYL sessions start at 7:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. It is possible that a school holiday may be used for an HYL session. Please refer to the application or call the Chamber of Commerce for actual session dates.

What about missed classes?

HYL was developed with approval from all superintendents of Hancock County's city and county schools. Students participating in HYL will be excused during school hours. However, students will be responsible for any missed class work.

Are there any costs?

There is a tuition fee that includes the cost of food, transportation, materials and facilities usage for each event. Outside donations help reduce the overall cost of the program for students and their families. Scholarships may be available based on need.

How do I apply?

See your principal or guidance counselor to receive an application and further information. For any other questions, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 419.422.3313.



What Former HYL Students Are Saying

"I'm much more excited to make a difference. HYL showed me that I can have a positive impact on my community."



"I'm more confident when speaking in front of others. I'm not as shy as I used to be."

"HYL is educational and fun! I got so much more out of it than I thought I would."



"I learned how to work on a team. I know when to push my ideas or listen to others."

"HYL showed me a bunch of career options. I had no idea how much was available in Findlay."