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## What is CCYL?

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CCYL is an acronym for the Clinton Chamber Youth Leadership Program. It's an exciting and progressive youth leadership program that aims to engage and challenge high school juniors and seniors to "take charge" of their lives while giving back to their community. In order to focus on these goals, only 30 students are chosen to participate each year.

## What will participants do?

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CCYL participants will learn, volunteer, and have fun! Activities and sessions will include learning about personal leadership styles, business etiquette, the history of our city, entrepreneurship fundamentals, and many other valuable subjects. All sessions will be led by experts in their respective fields and participants will have a unique opportunity to be challenged and engaged in ways that will help build future leaders of tomorrow. Students will also become active learners by participating in various community service projects planned throughout the year.

## Who can apply?

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Any Clinton-area rising junior or senior high school student is encouraged to apply, particularly those who are established and recognized as leaders among their peers. Individuals with a keen sense of responsibility, impeccable character, and a willingness to work hard are perfect candidates for this program. All high schools and students who attend other schools but live in our city-wide area are eligible to participate in the program. All applicants, however, must have a minimum 2.5 GPA to be considered.

## How much does it cost?

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There is no cost associated with participation other than time and transportation. CCYL participants must provide their own transportation to all sessions and events and be willing to donate at least 15 hours of volunteer service.

## What is expected of the participants?

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The program begins in August and ends in April. During this time, students will attend monthly, hour-long meetings during the first week of each month from 4:30-5:30pm at the Clinton Visitor Center. Sometimes special sessions will meet at other times in different area locations. Students will also be given an official CCYL t-shirt and will be expected to wear it to various community functions and ad hoc service projects throughout the year.

## Sounds great! How do I apply?

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Complete the application form and submit it in person or by mail to the address at the top of this document, or by email to [pr@clintonchamber.org](mailto:pr@clintonchamber.org). For further information, please contact Emily Pace Hunt by phone at (601) 924-5912 or by email at the same address listed above.

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