



**APPLICATION FOR Class of  
2026-2027 RETURN BY May 15, 2026**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ Last  
First Middle

\_\_\_\_\_ Home  
Address City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell  
Phone Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal  
Email Emergency Contact (name/Phone)

Preferred method of contact: Cell Phone Home Phone Email Text (circle one)

**EDUCATION INFORMATION**

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your high school educational experience, and future educational and career goals.

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## ESSAY QUESTIONS

What assets and strengths do we have in Hardee County that you are proud of?

Which challenge(s) facing Hardee County are you most passionate about, and why?

Why do you want to participate in the Donnie Canary Foundation Junior Leadership Hardee Program? Why should you be selected to participate in Junior Leadership Hardee?

# APPLICATION AGREEMENT

If Accepted:

- I will attend and participate in all class days in their entirety
- I will attend the mandatory Donnie Canary Foundation Fundraiser
- I will maintain a 2.5GPA
- I will maintain exceptional conduct at Hardee Senior High
- I will maintain exceptional conduct during Jr. Leadership class days
- I understand that if I have an unexcused absence or fail to attend the mandatory fundraiser, I may no longer be a participant in the program
- I understand that if I fail to meet the conduct expectations, I may be dismissed from the program

This is an extremely competitive program, and the Donnie Canary Foundation is making a significant financial investment for your participation. We take your involvement and conduct very seriously. Those who are unable to commit to the schedule and conduct expectations need not apply.

By signing this application I agree to be bound by this commitment if I am selected for Junior Leadership Hardee

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Applicant Signature Date

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Parent Signature Date

**ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION** (guidance counselor, assistant principal, or principal)

I approve the application/participation of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the Donnie Canary Foundation Junior Leadership Hardee program. This applicant meets GPA, attendance, and conduct requirements and has the approval and full support of Hardee Senior High, including the time required to successfully complete the program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

\_\_\_ Did you fully complete the application?

\_\_\_ Did you answer ALL essay questions?

\_\_\_ Did you get requested signatures from a Parent and Administrator?

\_\_\_ Did you sign the Applicant Agreement?

\_\_\_ Application delivered by May 15, 2026 to Hardee County Chamber of Commerce?

**\*\* After Applications are reviewed finalists will be contacted via preferred method of contact to schedule an interview with the selection committee.**

### JR LEADERSHIP HARDEE CONTACT INFORMATION

Kaylee Webb, Chamber Executive Director

(863) 773-6967

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Mail, Email, or Drop off applications to:

Hardee Chamber of Commerce

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Wauchula, FL 33873