

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

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

# Junior Leadership Macomb Class XIII 2026 **APPLICATION**

## DIVERSITY VALUE STATEMENT

We strive to model and promote diversity and inclusion as a means to strengthen leadership.

We do this by respecting and encouraging all perspectives, as well as by engaging diverse populations in all activities.

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***Applications are due no later than May 15, 2026.***

Applications may be submitted via:

- Online: [www.leadershipmacomb.org](http://www.leadershipmacomb.org)
- Email: Julie Petkoff at [jpetkoff@leadershipmacomb.org](mailto:jpetkoff@leadershipmacomb.org)
- Mail: 51341 Celeste, Shelby Township, MI 48315

## **Program Objectives**

The Junior Leadership Macomb Program is designed to:

- Prepare students for success beyond high school with real-world skills and experiences
- Build career readiness through hands-on exploration and exposure to diverse career paths
- Expand understanding of how community systems work and the leaders who help shape them
- Inspire students to give back and make a positive impact through meaningful volunteerism

## **Application Guidelines**

Applications are being accepted for Junior Leadership Macomb XIII. The program offers unique learning experiences for high school juniors through field trips, interactive activities, and topic expert speakers. We strive to create a diverse cohort of approximately 40 students from schools throughout Macomb County, including public, private, and charter schools, as well as home schooled individuals.

## **Eligibility**

Students entering their junior year of high school in Macomb County in the fall of 2026 and have a GPA over 2.0 are eligible to apply. Students will be selected for program participation based on their academic achievement, personal goals and assessment, eagerness toward community service, and references. No more than 3 students from one school will be chosen to participate.

## **Tuition and Financial Assistance**

Upon a student's selection into the program, parents/guardians will be billed a non-refundable program fee of \$200 which is payable in full by June 15, 2026. Scholarships are available for individuals who demonstrate a financial need. Financial assistance will not be a factor in determining acceptance into the program and will only be offered upon acceptance into the program. Students needing financial assistance must complete the Scholarship Application section on the application in order to be eligible for assistance. For additional information regarding scholarships, please contact our office at 586-488-3819.

## Applicant Information

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special dietary restrictions, preferences or do you require special accommodations?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity:

\_\_\_\_\_ Asian or Pacific  
Islander

\_\_\_\_\_ African American

\_\_\_\_\_ Caucasian

\_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic

\_\_\_\_\_ Native  
American

\_\_\_\_\_ Middle Eastern

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish not to disclose

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size preference:  Small  Medium  Large  XL  2XL  3XL

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Self-Assessment

Based on your past experiences and your own self-assessment of your abilities and potential, rate yourself in the following areas (1 is low, 4 is high)

Ability to understand and meet expectations	1	2	3	4
Ability to communicate orally	1	2	3	4
Ability to get along with others	1	2	3	4
Ability to think creatively	1	2	3	4
Ability to set and accomplish goals	1	2	3	4
Ability to adapt to change	1	2	3	4
Attendance/punctuality	1	2	3	4
Eagerness to serve my community	1	2	3	4

## Academic Information

Grade level as of September 2026: \_\_\_\_\_ High School Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

What specific skills or knowledge do you hope to gain from your experience with Junior Leadership Macomb?

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Please list what you believe are the three most important issues confronting young adults today (no wrong answers).

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Goals

Please describe in 500 words or less your personal goals for the future and how you believe your leadership qualities will help you realize these goals. (Attach no more than two additional pages typed, double-spaced, 12 pt. font)

## Personal Achievements

Please list internships, work experience, community service, student organizations or any other personal victories or accomplishments that you believe demonstrates your leadership abilities.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Scholarship Application**

Scholarship awards are based solely on financial need. If you have financial need and would like to apply for a scholarship for this program, please write a short statement demonstrating your need for financial assistance. If this section is not included with your application, you will not be considered for a scholarship. (Attach no more than one additional page typed, double-spaced, 12 pt. font)

## Student Agreement

- I agree, to the best of my knowledge, that the answers given in this application are true and complete. I will be entering my Junior year of High School in the fall of 2026, and I will attend a public, private, charter, or homeschool in Macomb County.

The session dates are listed below, as well as on the Leadership Macomb website.

(Dates, times, and topic focus are subject to change prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>)

Date	Day	Time	Topic Focus
June 8, 2026	Monday	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	JLM XIII Orientation with Parent/Guardian
June 22, 2026	Monday	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Intro to JLM XIII
June 23, 2026	Tuesday	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Justice System & Public Safety
June 24, 2026	Wednesday	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Health & Human Services
June 25, 2026	Thursday	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Career Readiness
June 26, 2026	Friday	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Leadership & Community Service

Optional School Year Sessions: Days and Times To Be Determined

Macomb County Commissioners Meeting, Arts Night Out at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Service Project

Print Name (Applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Applicant): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian Agreement

*If accepted, my child has permission to participate in this program. I understand this includes the program dates listed below.*

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**Tuition:** *I understand that there is a non-refundable program fee of \$200 that is payable in full by June 15, 2026. Scholarships that cover the entire program fee are available for individuals who demonstrate a financial need. Financial status will not be a factor in determining acceptance into the program. Any student that would like to be considered for a scholarship must complete the Scholarship Application outlined in the application.*

**Photo Release:** *I hereby grant Leadership Macomb, Inc. the irrevocable, perpetual, and royalty-free right to use \_\_\_\_\_'s name, likeness, image, and voice in all forms of media, including online (student's name) and social media, for any lawful purpose. I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product, including any written or electronic copy. I further release Leadership Macomb, Inc. from any and all claims, demands, or liabilities related to the use of these materials.*

**Commitment:** *If my child is selected as a participant of Junior Leadership Macomb, I will ensure my child has transportation to and from the sessions on the program days.*

Print Name (Parent/Guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Parent/Guardian): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Junior Leadership Macomb Reference Form for Student Applicant

*This student is applying to participate in Junior Leadership Macomb, a leadership program for high school juniors. The program prepares students for success beyond high school with real-world skills and experiences, builds career readiness through hands-on exploration and exposure to diverse career paths, expands understanding of how community systems work and the leaders who help shape them, and inspires students to give back and make a positive impact through meaningful volunteerism. Students will participate in group discussions, field trips and interactive exercises.*

Please complete this form to the best of your knowledge and return by mail to  
Leadership Macomb, 51341 Celeste, Shelby Township, MI 48315  
or scan and email to Julie Petkoff at [jpetkoff@leadershipmacomb.org](mailto:jpetkoff@leadershipmacomb.org)  
**Return by 5/15/2026. Thank You!**

Referral for: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Name)

Referral by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

What is your relationship with the applicant? (Please circle)

Teacher      Counselor      Employer      Coach      Pastor/Minister      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a graduate of Leadership Macomb? (Please Circle) yes / no

How long and in what setting have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

The student displays or possesses (check all that apply):

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Achievement | <input type="checkbox"/> Positive Attitude                | <input type="checkbox"/> Integrity or Character |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Esteem          | <input type="checkbox"/> Good Study Habits                | <input type="checkbox"/> Goal Setting Skills    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good Social Skills   | <input type="checkbox"/> Empathy                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Strong Work Ethic      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Skills    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to work well with others |   |

Please comment on the student's leadership skills and potential:

Please comment on the student's sense of responsibility:

Please share any additional comments on a separate sheet or in an attachment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date