



Class of 2025 - 2026

Pickens County
11th & 12th Graders

CALENDAR

Application Deadline

August 15, 2025
4:00 PM

Meet & Greet

August 25, 2025
5:00 or 6:00 PM

Orientation/Team Building

September 6, 2025
Full Day

October Session

October 27, 2025
6:00 – 8:00 PM

November Session

November 17, 2025
6:00 - 8:00 PM

December Session

December 15, 2025
6:00 – 8:00 PM

January Session

January 26, 2026
6:00 – 8:00 PM

February Session

February 23, 2026
6:00 – 8:00 PM

March Session

March 23, 2026
6:00 – 8:00 PM

April Session

April 27, 2026
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Graduation

May 4, 2026
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Our Mission:

To expose the youth of Pickens County to leadership experiences by creating an environment where they can make a positive impact on issues that affect teens.

Our Goals:

- Provide knowledge, tools, and contacts to create successful leaders.
- Instill and nurture a sense of social responsibility.
- Offer a forum to express needs, goals, and opinions.
- Explore Pickens County's government and business community.
- Give participants a chance to serve their community.
- Develop interview & resume skills for college admissions and job opportunities.

What is Youth Leadership?

A theory of youth development in which young people gain skills and knowledge necessary to lead civic engagement, education reform, and community organizing activities. Learning skills such as goal setting, problem-solving & sound decision-making. All while having fun!

Monthly Sessions Include:

- Government
- Etiquette
- Financial and Interview Skills
- Resume' Writing, Social Media, and Soft Skills
- Local Law Enforcement
- Community Service Organizations
- Interview

Graduation – May 4, 2026, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

A time to celebrate with your family and friends!

Do NOT return the application to Pickens High School. Please complete and return directly to the Pickens County Chamber of Commerce in person at 500 Veterans Memorial Blvd, Jasper, GA 30143, or by email at communications@pickenschamber.com no later than **4:00 pm on August 15, 2025.**



500 Veterans Memorial Blvd.
Jasper, GA 30143

REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

If I am selected:

I understand I am expected to attend every one of the program sessions. I have compared my schedule with the Program Calendar dates attached.

I agree to attend one meeting of the Jasper City Council, the Pickens County School Board, or the Pickens County Board of Commissioners. This meeting must be attended by April 27, 2026. Each participant must obtain the signature of an elected official who can testify their presence at the meeting.

I agree to volunteer a minimum of 2 hours at one of the annual Chamber Events.

I understand that sessions will be held at various locations within the Community and that I am responsible for my own transportation to and from each session. The Youth Leadership Steering Committee is not responsible for the transportation of participants.

I understand the Youth Leadership Pickens Class of 2025-2026 will participate in service projects. The community service projects will be voted on and chosen by the class.

I agree I will abide by the dress code put forth by the program for each session.

I understand the primary method of communication will be via text and email. I further understand that I will be expected to **respond within 24 hours to all communication.**

There is a required Meet & Greet for students and their parents/guardians at the Pickens County Chamber of Commerce on August 25, 2025, at either 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. (circle selection). This is mandatory to participate in the 2025-2026 Youth Leadership Class.

By signing below, I am stating that I have read and agree to the **REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM.**

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

STUDENT PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print legibly)

Name _____

Name you prefer to be called _____

Email Address _____ Parent Email Address _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Cell phone _____ Parent Cell Phone _____

Date of Birth _____

School _____

T-shirt Size _____

I understand the application must be completed by the student participating in the program.

Signature of Applicant Date

GENERAL INFORMATION – attach an extra sheet if necessary.

1. Using a few phrases or adjectives, describe yourself (personality, character, etc.)

2. Briefly describe two of the most significant problems facing Pickens County.

3. Give a possible solution to one of the problems you listed.

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

List any school, volunteer, social, athletic, artistic, or other activities or groups in which you have participated during the last four years.

SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

List up to three awards, honors, or recognitions you have received since the 7th grade for academic or community related activities.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

List any part-time job experience you have, (paid or volunteer), and briefly explain your duties.

Signature of Applicant

Date



EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Student Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Primary Emergency Contact

Name _____

Relationship to Contact _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Phone _____

Home Address (if different than contact)

Parent Email _____

Secondary Emergency Contact

Name _____

Relationship to Contact _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Phone _____

Home Address (if different than contact)

Other Information

Allergies _____
