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## **Youth Leadership Rutherford Applications Now Available**

Murfreesboro, Tennessee -- January 7, 2019 -- Youth Leadership Rutherford [applications](#) are now available to current high school juniors for the 2019-2020 school year.

Youth Leadership Rutherford is a selective personal development, civic education, and community engagement initiative for high school seniors in Rutherford County. Conducted by the Leadership Rutherford Executive Director and the [Business Education Partnership Foundation](#) Executive Director, Youth Leadership Rutherford is a private, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to community leadership development. Applications are due by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Leadership Rutherford consists of a weekend orientation program in September, seven seminar days from October – April, and graduation in May. Each day focuses on a major area of community concern and explores issues of leadership within the context of the subject. The goal of each program day is to open the minds of participants to the viewpoints surrounding each issue and to enable young people to become more visionary leaders. The program also includes five independent project assignments as well as a group project and student blogging.

Leadership Rutherford aims to help adult leaders prepare for voluntary responsibility, provide a practical and sophisticated understanding of major problems and opportunities facing Rutherford County and facilitate access and improve the communications network between emerging and current leaders, and stimulate increased community participation and commitment.

The Business Education Partnership (BEP) Foundation is a 501(c) (3) organization formed in 1988 with the help of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce. The BEP states as its mission: “To foster interest in and to promote and support programs in public schools of the City of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County that will prepare students for the business world.” To contribute to the Business Education Partnership Foundation or to learn more about its programs for students, teachers, school counselors, and principals, visit [rutherfordbep.org](http://rutherfordbep.org), or call [\(615\) 278-2008](tel:6152782008).

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