



## **Youth Leadership Henry 2025-2026 Information**

Youth Leadership Henry, a countywide leadership program for high school sophomores, is designed to develop leadership potential and to acquaint participants with community needs, problems, and resources through interaction with local leaders and decision makers. The program will allow participants to interact with community leaders in examining a variety of issues that affect Henry County. Participants will gain insight into the complex decision-making process that is essential in addressing community issues, and they will learn more about the cultural and economic opportunities and resources available within this area.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

All sophomores enrolled in a Henry County school (public, private, virtual school, home school) or are a Henry County resident are eligible. Interested students should:

- Demonstrate leadership in school and/or community activities.
- Express an interest in furthering their knowledge of Henry County.
- Commit to full participation and 100% attendance in the program.
- Receive one professional recommendation, and approval from their principal and parents to participate.
- Have at least an unweighted 84 numeric average -or- unweighted GPA of 3.0, to be provided by your school counselor.
- Pay the enrollment fee of only \$175 after acceptance into the program – Due at Orientation Night upon acceptance.

### **SCHEDULE FOR 2025-2026**

Youth Leadership Henry requires a commitment from each of the participating students. Missing class dates can result in the inability to complete the program requirements needed to graduate from the program. Missing Orientation or Teambuilding Day specifically, will immediately disqualify a student from participating at all. The schedule for the 2025-2026 class is as follows:

- Friday, August 22, 2025 – 4PM – **APPLICATION DEADLINE** – See checklist below
- Monday, September 22, 2025 – Reception & Orientation (Evening)
- Thursday, October 16, 2025 – Teambuilding Day (Henry Co. Schools field trip form provided)
- Saturday, November 8, 2025 – Healthcare Day
- Wednesday, December 3, 2025 – Public Safety Day (Henry Co. Schools field trip form provided)
- Thursday, January 15, 2026 – Education Day (Henry Co. Schools field trip form provided)
- Wednesday, February 11, 2026 – State Government Day (Henry Co. Schools field trip form provided)
- Wednesday, March 18, 2026 – County Tour Day (Henry Co. Schools field trip form provided)
- Thursday, April 16, 2026 – Water Resource Day (Henry Co. Schools field trip form provided)
- Monday, May 4, 2026 – Graduation (Evening)

### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- Go to our website at: [www.YouthLeadershipHenry.com](http://www.YouthLeadershipHenry.com) and click the Application Link to complete and submit the application. A practice application is available to print and use to prepare for your submission.
- Print a Signature Commitment Sheet from the Youth Leadership Henry website. Read over it, complete it, and submit it to us by either dropping it off at The Henry County Chamber of Commerce or scanning and emailing it to us at [Info@YouthLeadershipHenry.com](mailto:Info@YouthLeadershipHenry.com) by the application deadline listed above.
- Obtain one professional letter of recommendation from a non-family member who believes you would benefit from the program. Submit this to us by either dropping it off at The Henry County Chamber of Commerce or scanning and emailing it to us at [Info@YouthLeadershipHenry.com](mailto:Info@YouthLeadershipHenry.com) by the application deadline listed above.
- **Applications, Commitment Sheets, and recommendations are ALL due no later than the App deadline: Aug 22, 2025 @ 4pm.**