



# **TEEN LEADERSHIP CHEROKEE**

## ***Program Guidelines & Schedule, 2012***

- Applicant must be a 10th grade student, between the ages of 14-16 years old, living in Cherokee County that attends public or private school or is being home schooled.
- Applicant must demonstrate an involved lifestyle in any of the following areas: business, community, civic, church, or extracurricular activities. This hardworking individual should be able to work independently, as well as in a team environment, while demonstrating honesty integrity, and concern for others.
- Applicants must exhibit a concern for the welfare of their school and community.
- Applicant must be academically eligible for participation in extracurricular activities.
- There is no cost to participate in this program. All expenses are funded by business sponsors.
- Candidates must complete the entire application which is provided with this information. (Applications are also available at [www.CherokeeChamber.com](http://www.CherokeeChamber.com) from October 3<sup>rd</sup> until October 21<sup>st</sup>.)
- The original application, along with two copies of the application, must be returned by the deadline. Note: The completed application must be received, not postmarked, by the deadline date shown on the application.
- Selection will be based upon answers provided in the written application as well as a face-to-face interview with the selection committee (see interview schedule below). References may be checked on all applicants. The Teen Leadership Cherokee Selection Committee will weigh academic achievement with active participation in school functions, membership in other organizations, and work ethics.
- Initial interviews will be conducted during late October/early November in each of the Cherokee County School District high schools with student applicants. (Students who are home schooled or attend private school will participate in initial interviews at the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce during the same time frame.) Final interviews are scheduled for Saturday, November 12, 2011 at the Cherokee County Chamber.
- **The class is limited to 20 participants.**

**Additional information provided on the reverse side of this page.**

- **Mandatory attendance is required for all participants.** All Class of 2012 sessions, which are listed below, will be held in the Terrace Level of the Cherokee County Chamber.
  - Orientation – Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM
  - Retreat – Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 AM – 5 PM
  - Classes – Friday, **January 20th**; Tuesday, **January 31st**; Friday, **February 10th**; Friday, **March 9th**; Tuesday, **March 27th**. All classes are from 3:30 – 7:30 PM (Cherokee County School District students are approved for early dismissal).
  - Group Project Presentation – Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Presentations are staggered from 5-7 PM. (Project assigned during Retreat)
  - Graduation Ceremony – Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM
  - Outside “homework” projects can be assigned at the discretion of the Steering Committee.