



Class of 2026 Application

Program Schedule

August 25	Orientation
September 22	Past, Present, & Future
October 20	Local Government, Police, and Fire
November 3	Education
December 8	Community Outreach
January 12	Economic Development & Entrepreneurship
February 9	State Government
March 9	Healthcare & Major Employers
April 13	Closing Session
TBD	Commencement

Application Instructions:

- Your completed application will consist of:
 1. Pages 1-4 (please do not send back the program schedule or this page, they may be kept for reference)
 2. A typed explanation (up to one page) of what you hope to gain from participating in Junior Leadership Callaway including what you believe you could give back to your community as a graduate of the program, and
- Please type or clearly print your answers in black ink. This application is also available by emailing businessrelations@callawaychamber.net.
- Limit answers to available space if possible. Additional pages may be attached.
- Both the applicant and the applicant's guardian, principal or superintendent, if applicable, must sign the application and commitment to the attendance policy.
- The application and any other attachments must be postmarked no later than April 18, 2025.
- The Junior Leadership Callaway Class of 2026 Reveal will take place on May 14, 2025, beginning at 5 pm in conjunction with the Junior Leadership Callaway Class of 2025 graduation.

Applications and other supporting documents must be emailed to businessrelations@callawaychamber.net or mailed by April 18, 2025.

Junior Leadership Callaway
c/o Callaway Chamber of Commerce
510 Market Street
Fulton, MO 65251

Junior Leadership Callaway Class of 2026 Application

Applicant Name: _____

My application includes:

- Pages 1-4, completed
- A typed explanation of what I hope to gain from participating in Junior Leadership Callaway and how I will be able to contribute to the community as a graduate of the program.
- Short Bio and Picture (these will be used to announce the class in the newspaper, social media, and the class reveal in June)

I have: (please check each box)

- Read the Attendance Requirements and Selection Criteria
- Read and signed the Participant Commitment and Pledge
- Read and completed the Tuition and Funding section

My parent and principal or superintendent has:

- Signed the Commitment

Attendance Requirements

Attendance is required at all 10-regular full-day sessions, orientation and the closing session in April. Additional projects may be assigned. Even though emergencies do arise, any participant missing more than four half-days will automatically be dropped from the program. Missing any portion of a half-day will be considered a half-day absence. In order to gain full benefit from the program, participants must attend the August Orientation and the April closing session. Those who are unable to attend should delay their application until the following year.

Session hours may vary slightly, normally the days begin at 8 a.m. and end by 4:00 p.m.

Selection Criteria

The goal of Junior Leadership Callaway is to identify existing or new leaders in the community who can assume a leadership role in determining the future of Callaway County. The program is targeted for individuals who are already recognized for their leadership potential.

The Selection Committee will objectively evaluate each applicant's leadership potential, sphere of influence, and demonstrated or expressed interest for constructive involvement in community affairs. The following will be considered in evaluating each applicant.

- Applicant's previous and current involvement in Callaway County
- Applicant's involvement in his/her own school district
- Leadership potential
- Motivation/Attitude
- Applicant's GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Applicant's current year attendance rate of 95% or higher, or no more than 8 unexcused absences
- Applicant's grade level, preferably in 11th grade at the time application is completed

School and Community Activities

List civic, business, religious, social, and other organizations in which you have been involved.

Organization	Dates: From-To	Office/Position Held if Any	Year(s) Position Held

What have you accomplished in these community activities that you think are important?

Special Recognition for Leadership Activities:

Participant Commitment and Pledge

Junior Leadership Callaway is designed to be a learning experience and requires the following commitment on the part of the participant:

1. I fully understand the Attendance Requirements printed on page 1.
2. I understand that there will be some activities in addition to the regular sessions (independent activities, meetings, tours, interviews, etc.) in which all participants will be expected to participate.
3. I understand that I will be leaving the school property to tour Callaway County via a bus.
4. I understand that I will have to provide my own transportation to the starting point each day.
5. I acknowledge that I may be photographed, and these images might be utilized on the Callaway Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, website, printed materials, and other news-related platforms.
6. I understand that I must maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher.
7. I understand that I must maintain a 95% attendance rate at school or have less than 8 unexcused absences
8. the year I participate.
9. If selected, I will not use content from the sessions or statements made therein for the purpose of news coverage.
10. If selected, I will not use the name of Leadership Callaway or Callaway Chamber of Commerce in a political campaign to imply endorsement by Junior Leadership Callaway.

Applicant's Signature

Print Name

Guardian's Signature

Print Name

School's Commitment

The school district must fully support an applicant in his/her participation in the program. Please have your principal or superintendent (if applicable) sign the following commitment.

This application has the approval of this school district, and the applicant has our full support, which includes the time required to participate in the program.

Signature

Print Name

Title

School District