



**Junior
Leadership
Wilkes-Barre**

**ATTENTION
SOPHOMORES!**

**APPLY NOW TO PARTICIPATE DURING
YOUR JUNIOR YEAR.**

In Cooperation With:

Crestwood
Dallas
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Greater Nanticoke Area
Hanover Area
Lake Lehman
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Pittston Area
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Scranton Prep
Tunkhannock Area
West Side Career
& Technology Center
Wilkes-Barre Area:
James M. Coughlin
G.A.R. Memorial
E.L. Meyers High School
Wyoming Area
Wyoming Seminary
Wyoming Valley West

**Application Deadline
March 8, 2021**

Please return your completed application with a \$20 fee (check or money order) according to your Guidance Counselor's directions. APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPED. A writable PDF of this application is available at www.leadershipwilkes-barre.org.

All applicants & schools will be notified in writing of the Selection Committee's decision.

**DISCOVER YOUR
LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL!**

Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre:
Develops leadership skills and encourages students to interact with community leaders, decision-makers and peers from other schools.

Challenges emerging leaders to apply their new knowledge and skills to community service projects.

Acquaints high school students with community needs and resources which influence the future of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre (JLWB) is a transformative personal and professional leadership development program for high school juniors that provides training techniques to advance leadership skills while increasing community awareness and a sense of civic responsibility to affect positive change. The program began in the 1987 school year, and is one of six programs offered by Leadership Wilkes-Barre, whose mission is to develop leaders for the community. JLWB is guided by a Program Director and an Advisory Board that is made up of a cross-section of community leaders and student graduates of the program. The program has the support of 20 Northeastern Pennsylvania high schools, PSEA, local colleges and universities, as well as numerous corporations and individuals throughout the community.

Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre offers students the opportunity to work with adult leaders in the community through day-long programs held over a nine-month period. These sessions focus on leadership skills, entrepreneurship, communication skills, team development, citizenship/government, media/communications, community issues, community service, and emotional intelligence, among others. This in-depth curriculum acquaints participants with community needs, opportunities, challenges and resources.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The principal objectives of JLWB are to:

- ★ Encourage students to recognize their own potential and develop their leadership and interpersonal skills
- ★ Acquaint students with community needs, resources and other factors that influence the direction of Northeastern Pennsylvania
- ★ Provide opportunities for a diverse group of students to interact with each other and with community leaders and decision-makers
- ★ Foster student interest in volunteerism and community service

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- ★ JLWB programs for the Class of 2022 will take place monthly from September, 2021 through April, 2022. School attendance credit will be granted for each session attended. Participants will receive a Program Calendar upon acceptance for scheduling purposes. Most program days begin at 8am and end by 3:30pm.
- ★ Programs will be held at various locations throughout Luzerne County. *Transportation is the responsibility of the participant.*
- ★ Breakfast and lunch will be provided at programs, unless otherwise specified.
- ★ Participants complete a Community Service Project and will be required to attend project meetings outside of scheduled program times.

Leadership Wilkes-Barre's mission is to develop informed and committed leaders from all segments of the community who will serve, strengthen and improve Northeastern Pennsylvania.





APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE JLWB CLASS OF 2022
(Please read carefully)

ELIGIBILITY

Students from all public, parochial, charter, and private schools in Northeast Pennsylvania who will be entering their junior year in the fall of 2021 are eligible.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- ★ Complete the application and **submit it with a \$20 fee (check or money order)** according to the directions of your Guidance Counselor or Student Activities Director. Check or money order should be made payable to “Leadership Wilkes-Barre.”
- ★ **Submit TWO Student Leadership Assessments:** Must be completed by **two** adults (other than your parent or relative) who have known you for more than one year. At least one reference **MUST** be from a high school teacher. **Please use the attached Assessment forms, which can also be found online.**
- ★ **The application deadline is Monday, March 8, 2021. *Check with your guidance department to find out if an internal deadline has been set.**
- ★ Only the first 20 **completed** applications (including Assessments and the \$20 processing fee) received from each school by the established deadline will be eligible for consideration.

SELECTION

Criteria:

- ★ A **complete, typed** application received by the deadline (points will be deducted for late or incomplete applications)
- ★ An expressed interest in understanding and serving the community
- ★ Enthusiasm and commitment to participate in the program
- ★ Demonstrated or potential leadership ability

Process:

- ★ Using the selection criteria, the JLWB Selection Committee will review and score the first 20 completed applications received from each school
- ★ Written application finalists will be invited to a group interview with the JLWB Selection Committee in April, 2021 (interviews may take place over Zoom)
- ★ Scores from written applications and group interviews are totaled. Highest scores earn acceptance.
- ★ All applicants will be notified in writing of the Selection Committee’s decision by May, 2021

TIPS TO APPLICANTS

- ★ **Applications must be typed** (a writeable PDF can be found at www.leadershipwilkes-barre.org)
- ★ All answers and essays are required to be on the application form (no attachments will be reviewed)
- ★ Please note that the essays are heavily weighted by the Selection Committee

Questions and concerns should be directed to:
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LWB OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Submitted: _____

Application # _____

Please Note: APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPED.

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Personal Information

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____

Name you prefer to be called (Nickname) _____ Applicant Phone Number _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Applicant E-mail _____

Birth Date _____ How do you identify? Female Male Other Prefer not to say

Name of School _____ Year You Will Graduate _____

References: Student Leadership Assessment

Please give the attached Assessment forms to two different adults who have known you for more than one year (cannot be a parent or relative). At least one Assessment must be a high school teacher. ***(These assessments should be returned directly to you in a sealed envelope to be included in your completed application).***

1. Name of Reference _____

Position/Title _____

Place of Employment _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

2. Name of Reference _____

Position/Title _____

Place of Employment _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Guidance Counselor Signature _____

Attendance

Full participation is essential if the Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre program is to meet its objectives. School attendance credit is granted for each session attended. Excess of two absences will result in removal from the program.

If selected, I commit to attending each of the program sessions. I understand that transportation is the responsibility of each participant, and if I miss more than two programs, I am not eligible to successfully complete the Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

ESSAYS – MUST BE TYPED

Please answer the following questions in the space provided below. *No attachments, please.*

1. *Why do you want to participate in Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre?*

2. *How do you define “Leadership?” How will developing leadership skills be valuable for your future?*

3. Discuss a challenge that you have faced in your life. What lessons did you learn from the experience?

4. What would you like us to know about you that we have not learned through other parts of this application?

Activities/Organizations

1. Please list in numbered format (1, 2, 3, etc.), in order of importance to you, any school, employment, volunteer, religious, social, athletic or other activities and/or organizations in which you have participated within the past 2 years. Also, include your length of involvement with each activity.

2. Select one activity/organization listed above and briefly explain how your participation has been of benefit to you and the organization.

3. Please list any awards, honors or recognition for school or community related activities you have received. Include any leadership positions or offices held within the past 2 years.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT

Please type or print using black ink. A PDF version is available at www.leadershipwilkes-barre.org.

Please fill out this assessment honestly and accurately. Return it to the candidate in a confidential, sealed envelope. The candidate must return the completed application by a deadline of Monday, March 8, 2021.

Applicant Name

Applicant School

Reference Name

Title

Reference Signature

Date

For how long and in what capacity have you known the candidate?

Answer the questions by circling the associated number below using the scoring metric as follows:

5 = Consistently Exceeds Expectations 2 = Developing
4 = Exceeds Expectations 1 = Marginal
3 = Meets Expectations

Please do not leave any questions blank.

1. The student practices team citizenship, i.e. jumping in to help others, taking on new projects, teaching and coaching other students and going the extra mile.

5 4 3 2 1

2. The student is kind, polite and courteous to all others (peers, teachers, younger students, school employees, community members, etc.).

5 4 3 2 1

3. The student looks for opportunities to contribute to the school community to make it a welcoming, inclusive and nurturing environment.

5 4 3 2 1

4. The student looks for opportunities to contribute to the local community by volunteering in the community, understanding the needs of the community and/or working to better the environment for all.

5 4 3 2 1

5. The student manages time well by balancing academics, extracurricular activities and other activities, obligations or requirements.

5 4 3 2 1

6. The student shows initiative and enthusiasm in learning, projects and service.

5 4 3 2 1

7. The student takes constructive feedback well and appreciates challenges and opportunities for growth.

5 4 3 2 1

8. The student respects differences in culture, helps other students to respect differences and prevents issues such as bullying, harassment and discrimination.

5 4 3 2 1

9. The student has strong emotional and social intelligence and is able to perceive, understand and manage the emotions of self and others properly.

5 4 3 2 1

10. The student has true potential to become an outstanding servant leader.

5 4 3 2 1

Please add any additional comments below (Optional, no attachments please):

Thank you very much for your honest assessment. Please return this completed form confidentially to the candidate in a sealed envelope. The candidate must return the completed application by a deadline of Monday, March 8, 2021.

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Total Score: _____