

# Junior Leadership Merced



# Class 15 2019-2020

Application Deadline:  
Friday, May 31, 2019 @ 12:00PM  
Interview Dates:  
September 19 & 20, 2019  
**Incomplete applications will not be  
accepted**

## APPLICATION

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5. Provide students with an opportunity to gain insight into the professional world, its demands and expectations
6. Provide students with the opportunity to gain understanding of the higher educational institutions in our community

## PROGRAM SPONSORS

*Thank you to our gracious sponsors of 2017-2018's Class 14*

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**Junior Leadership Merced requires participation during interviews that take place the third week in September. A 2 ½ day retreat in October, and 6 Mid-Monthly meetings through March, a total of 10 days of commitment. Dates to be announced at the interview sessions. This also includes the Parent Reception (one evening in late September).**

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

Upon receipt, applications are screened for completion of all requested information. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applicants are selected for an interview the third week in September and are scheduled to meet with the interview team who, together with the Junior Leadership Merced Chair, make final selections. Applicants will abide by all final decisions of the interview team. **Applications must be submitted by Friday, May 31, 2019 at 12:00 pm.** Postmarks are not accepted; applications must be received by this date and time.

### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECK LIST**

- Application (2 page) with the three required signatures
- Transcript
- 2 Personal (2 page) Reference Forms

\*\*Application with missing items will **NOT** be accepted.



5. References – Please provide the names of two people (excluding family members) who have knowledge of your background and education and can be contacted by the *JLM* committee. **Have each person complete a reference form and attach it to your application.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Education – Attach a copy of your current transcript.

7. Complete the agreement form below with the required signatures.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand the purpose of the Junior Leadership Merced program and that completion of this application does not ensure acceptance in the current class. I agree to abide by the attendance requirements.

Nominees for the Junior Leadership Merced program must have the support and commitment of their school and family.

In order to meet the goals of the program, full participation of each individual selected is necessary.

Attendance at all JLM monthly functions is mandatory. Absence may be cause for being withdrawn from the program. Exception is granted only under the most unusual circumstances and may be granted by the Committee Chair. This also includes the Parent Reception (one evening in late September), and students will miss 3 ½ days of school, which will be excused absences.

I will be able to fulfill this time commitment.  Yes  No

If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have the full support of your school and family to participate actively in *Junior Leadership Merced*? (Note: You will need to provide transportation to and from activities. Transportation during an activity will be provided.)

Yes  No

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of School Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE GREATER MERCED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2019-2020 Junior Leadership Merced – Class 15

**PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM**

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Thank you for taking the time to recommend \_\_\_\_\_ to the *Junior Leadership Merced Committee*. Please use your personal knowledge of this candidate to respond to the following questions. Letters of Recommendation typed on letterhead are also acceptable, provided they address the following questions.

1. *How long have you known the candidate? Describe in what capacity (friend, employer, instructor, etc.) you are acquainted?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. *What is your personal knowledge of the candidate's career plans and his/her goals for the future?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. *Describe the candidate's leadership potential?*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail or deliver your completed application (2 pages), your transcript and 2 personal reference forms to:

Junior Leadership Merced  
The Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce  
531 West Main Street  
Merced, CA 95340

Phone: 384-7092



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