



Junior Leadership Callaway Class of 2026 Application

Program Schedule

August: Orientation

September: Past, Present, & Future

October: Local Government, Police, and Fire Education

November: Education

December: Community Outreach

January: Economic Development & Entrepreneurship

February: State Government

March: Healthcare

April: Closing Session

May : Commencement

*Junior Leadership Callaway sessions will be held on the
second Wednesday of each month.*

Application Instructions

Your completed application will consist of:

- 1. Pages 1-5**
- 2. A typed explanation (up to one page) of what you hope to gain from participating in Junior Leadership Callaway.**
 - Please type or clearly print your answers in black ink. This application is also available by emailing workforcedevelopment@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 emailed no later than April 1, 2026.**
 - The Junior Leadership Callaway Class of 2026 Reveal will take place in May 2026, beginning at 5 pm in conjunction with the Junior Leadership Callaway Class of 2025 graduation.**

Email workforcedevelopment@callawaychamber.net or drop off applications to the Chamber no later than April 1, 2026.

**Callaway Chamber of Commerce
510 Market Street
Fulton, MO 65251**

Applicant Name: _____

My application includes:

- Pages 1-5, completed (Page 5 is the typed explanation of what you hope to Gain)
- A typed explanation of what I hope to gain from participating in Junior Leadership Callaway.
- Short Bio and Picture (these will be used to announce the class in the newspaper, social media, and the class reveal in May)

I Have: (Please Check Each box)

- Read the Attendance requirements and selection criteria
- Read the Signed the participant commitment and pledge

Attendance Requirements

Attendance is required at all full-day sessions. Even though emergencies do arise, any participant missing more than two 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, April closing session, and May Commencement. 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 following will be considered in evaluating each applicant.

- 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 90% or higher
- Applicant's grade level, preferably in 11th grade at the time application is completed

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIDENTIAL EVALUATION- CLASS 2026



Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

School Name

Grade Level

Home Address

City/State

Zip

Cell Phone

Parent's Cell Phone

Email Address

Parent's Email Address

GPA

Attendance Rate

What are your plans for after graduation (Please free to use an additional sheet of paper if needed):

Employment

Present Employer

Date of Employment

Present Title or Responsibility

Effective Date

School and Community Activities



List any Community, religious, social, and other organizations in which you have been involved include: Dates, position held if any and years position was held.

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

Special Recognition for and Activities completed:

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 90% attendance rate at school the year I participate.
8. If selected, I will not use the name of JR Leadership Callaway or Callaway Chamber of Commerce in a political campaign to imply endorsement by Junior Leadership Callaway.

Applicant Signature

Print Name

Guardian 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