Dear Youth Leadership Kearney Class 28 applicant:

Thank you for expressing an interest in Youth Leadership Kearney (YLK). YLK is a program of Leadership Kearney whose mission is to identify, educate and nurture potential, emerging and existing leaders that are committed to improving the quality of life in Kearney and the surrounding communities.

By applying to YLK, you are showing an interest in developing yourself and making an investment in our community. During your junior year of high school, YLK will offer you an interactive, hands-on experience focusing on developing leadership skills and educating you about the different roles you can have in your community. The purpose is to empower and inspire you to become involved and committed to your community. We do this while having fun and building friendships that can last a lifetime!

**The deadline for all parts of the application is: Monday, May 3, 2021.**

**All parts of the application including references and permission forms must be uploaded into your application by the deadline.**

Only complete applications (with all components submitted by the deadline) will be considered. Use the following checklist to help make sure that you submit all the application components.

* Submit all application components of the Youth Leadership Kearney online application by the deadline: **Monday, May 3, 2021**.
* Youth Application (Online Only)
* Community Reference (Reference sends copy to info@leadershipkearney.com)
* Teacher Reference (Reference sends copy to info@leadershipkearney.com)

Please use this word document to prepare your application. You will NOT be able to save applications online, so we encourage you to use this document to work on your application. Once you feel your application is complete, just copy and paste your responses into your YLK online application.

**Section One:**

**Personal Information:**

1. **Full Name (First & Last)**:
2. **Address (Street/City/State/Zip Code)**:
3. **Home Phone Number**:
4. **Cell Phone Number**:
5. **E-mail (Non-School E-mail or the one you check the most)**:
6. **Name of High School**:
7. **What Social Media Accounts do you use (List all accounts out)**?
8. **What are your account names on those social media channels**?

**Section Two:**

**Leadership Vision (This section is worth 50 points)**

1. Describe one or more of your gifts, talents, skills, or strengths. Explain in detail how you use your gifts, talents, skills or strengths in your everyday life. (5 Points)
2. Describe one or more characteristics you value in other people and why those characteristics are important to you. (5 Points)
3. Describe why you are interested in being a part of Youth Leadership Kearney. (5 Points)
4. Describe an action that you have taken that has made you proud of yourself or others proud of you. (5 Points)
5. Describe a time when your actions positively impacted a person, your family, school or community. (5 Points)
6. If you could change one aspect of your community, school, neighborhood, what would it be and why? How do you think this change could be accomplished? (5 Points)
7. If you could spend time with any current or past person who you consider a leader, who would you choose and why do you consider this person a leader? (5 Points)
8. What do you think is the best aspect(s) of Kearney? (5 Points)
9. Youth leadership Kearney seeks youth who represent various leadership levels. They are: already an established leader, becoming a leader (have had some experiences) and could be a leader (shows interest but needs skill and opportunity). Which one of these are you? In what ways do you think that you could improve your abilities as a leader? (5 Points)
10. What else would you like to tell us about yourself? (5 Points)

**Section 3**

**Involvement (This section is worth 20 points)**

1. Describe one school or non-school activity in which you have been involved during the last two years. What has the experience meant to you? (5 Points)
2. List activities or organizations that you have been involved in and what type of leadership responsibilities and involvement did each of those involve? (5 Points)
3. List any past and/or present volunteer experience(s) that you have been involved in and how did this/these experience(s) impact your view? (5 Points)
4. Please explain any experience(s) you have had in your school, place of worship, workplace, clubs, neighborhood, etc., with those having differing values, ideas or customs. How were you affected by that experience? (5 Points)