



The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the official kickoff of the recruitment process for the 2018/2019 Junior Leadership Las Cruces program.

Modeled after The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's successful adult program, Leadership Las Cruces, Junior Leadership tailors each session for high school juniors to receive a hands-on education about Las Cruces' rich history, opportunities and challenges.

Just like in the adult program, participants tour the region and meet face-to-face with many of the areas leaders in government, nonprofits, government, the arts, education, healthcare and the military. JrLLC also offers student participants the opportunity to meet and interact with other high school students from across the Las Cruces area. This unique experience provides student participants with the confidence, communication skills, and leadership ability they will need to give them a running start toward success.

All interested area high school juniors are encouraged to submit the attached application form or contact their counselor or principal for an application packet. If there are questions, please contact Brandi Misquez at the Chamber of Commerce for more information at 575-524-1968 or [bmisquez@lascruces.org](mailto:bmisquez@lascruces.org)

Application deadline is set for September 20, 2018.



*2017-2018*

*Graduating Junior Leadership Class*



# JUNIOR LEADERSHIP LAS CRUCES

*Educate, Explore and Empower*

## Class VII Calendar – 2018/2019

### SEPTEMBER

*Labor Day*

Applications Due-*September 20th*

Student Interviews *September 24<sup>th</sup>  
through the 29<sup>th</sup>.*

Award letters and students will be notified of acceptance- *October 3rd*

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019

**Healthcare Session**

**Hosts: Bethany Williams**

**Chaperones: TBD**

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

**State and Local Government Session**

**Hosts:**

**Chaperones: TBD**

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018

**Orientation Session (Daytime)**

**Host: All**

**Chaperones: TBD**

**Parent/Student Orientation (Evening)**

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019

**Economic Development**

**Host:**

**Chaperones: TBD**

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018

**Agriculture Session**

**Host:**

**Chaperones: TBD**

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019

**Military Impact Session**

**Host:**

**Chaperones: TBD**

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

**Arts & Community Impact Session**

**Host:**

**Chaperones: TBD**

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019

**Graduation – PM Ceremony**

**Host: All**

**Chaperones: TBD**

\* Class meets on days indicated in BLUE (from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm), except Military Day which is a longer day and will begin earlier. Session topics are subject to change.



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## Application

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent / Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contacts

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Important Requirements to Participate:

1. **You must be classified as a High School Junior during the 2018/2019 school year.**
2. Selected students will miss one full day of school one time per month. The district will list this as an excused absence.
3. Participants are expected to behave in a professional manner.
  - a. Unless otherwise notified, all session days will *begin* at 8:30am and *end* at 3:30pm at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce. (Military Day will begin at 8:00am)
  - b. You must be on time for all classes. ONLY 2 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES ARE ALLOWED TO COMPLETE THIS COURSE.
  - c. Students are expected to be in class and participating in the scheduled Jr. Leadership experience. Therefore, attendance will be documented and submitted to your counselor for inclusion in the overall attendance figures for the semester.
  - d. Students may not be given credit for a class unless the student is in attendance for at least 90 percent of the days the class is offered, per the Las Cruces Public School district policy IKF – Graduation/Credit Requirement.

- e. Participants are expected to dress appropriately for each session. The agenda will reflect the appropriate dress for each session.
  - f. You must be willing to participate in class activities and seminars.
4. Students are responsible for transportation to and from the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce located at 150 E. Lohman Ave. (parent, friend, bus, car, classmate, etc.). The Chamber will provide bus transportation to and from scheduled seminar and tour locations. Students must be on time and on the bus during leadership days. Vehicles will not be allowed to follow the bus without prior approval from the CEO of the Chamber and the reasoning must be validated.
  5. Students must actively participate in a project selected, implemented, and completed by the Jr. Leadership class as a group.
  6. Students will be touring a variety of places including but not limited to: hospital emergency rooms, homeless shelters, prisons/jails, White Sands Missile Range military base, Spaceport America offices.
  7. Please read and answer the follow questions within the space provided. Return one copy to the counselor, principal, or teacher that recommended Junior Leadership Las Cruces to you. Also please include 2 reference letters from persons that are not related to you. The deadline for submissions is **September 20, 2018**. All applicants must be prepared to participate in an interview for the selection process. Once the selection process is complete, you will be notified by mail and/or phone of the status of your application.
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1. Tell us a story about a project you've worked on where you took initiative to start, lead, or played an important role in getting it done.

2. List three (3) current news events that you have followed. Which of the three do you feel most affect you? Why?

3. Tell us of a time you volunteered for a local cause?

4. List three (3) qualities that exemplify a good leader, and why?

5. List three (3) people you believe are leaders and explain why he or she is a good leader.

6. Do you consider yourself as a risk taker? Explain.

7. This course requires you to participate by asking questions of community leaders. How do you feel about asking thoughtful questions to these high profile speakers?

8. What obstacles do you think could prevent someone from being a good leader?

9. List up to 5 activities or organizations which you have participated in during the last three years. Include any honors and/or awards you have received.

10. What are your educational goals and aspirations upon graduating from high school?

11. If you could change one thing in your community, what would it be and why?

12. List up to three (3) things you wish that Las Cruces had that other cities have, and why?

13. In your opinion, what responsibility does youth have in solving community problems?

14. Give us three (3) ways we can contact you. One of them must be a parent or guardian that we can contact in case of an emergency.

Student Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor, Principal, or Teacher (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO:**

Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce  
150 E. Lohman Ave.  
Las Cruces, NM  
Attn: Brandi Misquez