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## **Youth Leadership Pensacola Class of 2017 applications available**

*Deadline to apply is 3 p.m. on Friday, Apr. 15*

PENSACOLA, Fla. – Mar. 11, 2016 – Applications are now being accepted for Youth Leadership Pensacola (LeaP) Class of 2017. Youth LeaP, a program of the Pensacola Chamber Foundation, began in the 1988-89 school year as a project of LeaP Alumni.

The original intent of Youth LeaP was to engage local high school sophomores and juniors in an effort to keep them in Pensacola after graduation. The program has evolved to prepare students to be future contributing members and positive influencers of the Greater Pensacola area.

The Pensacola Chamber Foundation recognizes the important role young adults play in creating a strong, progressive community. During the program, peer and community leaders inform participants about current issues and resources, and use interactive situations to teach problem-solving skills.

“Youth Leadership Pensacola serves as an important outlet to building strong, community-minded individuals,” said Caitlin Newby, Programs Specialist for the Greater Pensacola Chamber. “The program is guided by two volunteer chairs and a curriculum committee consisting of LeaP alumni. We are proud to have the support of the Escambia County School District.”

Students interested in applying for the Youth LeaP Class of 2017 can pick up applications from their high school guidance counselor. For additional information about Youth LeaP, contact Caitlin Newby, at (850) 438-4081, ext. 235 or [cnewby@pensacolachamber.com](mailto:cnewby@pensacolachamber.com).

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### **About the Pensacola Chamber Foundation**

The Pensacola Chamber Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to drive economic prosperity and enhance the quality of life in Greater Pensacola by taking a long-term, strategic approach to regional growth and community building. Its goal is to build a healthier, better-educated workforce; to continue to advance the region’s competitive economic positioning; and to improve community infrastructure by focusing on strengthening special economic interests within the region, on small business development, on minority initiatives, and on military support services. For additional information, please visit [PensacolaChamber.com](http://PensacolaChamber.com).