



Leadership Ocala/Marion Youth (LOMY) Class XXIX is a nine-month program designed to educate and prepare high school juniors for leadership positions through hands-on learning experiences and an expanded knowledge of state and local resources and issues.

LOMY also provides the opportunity for students from area schools to work together. LOMY participants come from diverse backgrounds and varied perspectives, yet through their experiences, lasting friendships are formed and they become a blended group of future leaders.

Applications will be available to all local private and public high school sophomores. Students can access the application online at www.OcalaCEP.com under Leadership Programs. Applications will be screened by members of the LOMY Board of Regents. Those students selected from the initial screening of the application, will be invited to an interview at the Ocala/Marion County Chamber & Economic Partnership. Students must have approval from the parent(s), have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher, and have been enrolled in a Marion County school for one year.

A maximum of forty (40) juniors from county high schools will be selected to participate in LOMY. The program coincides with the school year and sessions are held monthly.



Sample Sessions

- **Student/Parent Orientation** – Students and parents are instructed on expectations and guidelines for the program.
- **Positive Leadership Curriculum** – Through facilitated discussions, students learn about the seven attributes of leadership & how to lead others effectively.
- **Ropes** – The ultimate in team building! Held a Marion County Ropes course, students are encouraged to support each other, trust their team, and develop confidence in themselves and each other.
- **Public Safety** – Students are taught about Marion County's Fire Rescue system and law enforcement. They rotate through displays by the S.W.A.T. team, the Bomb Squad, and the Sheriff's Helicopter.
- **Entrepreneurship and Branding** – Students learn about the growing segment of entrepreneurs and learn about corporate and personal branding.
- **Agriculture** – Students tour area farms and learn the importance of agriculture on our local economy.
- **Community Service** – Students are taught the value of community service organizations and the role they can play in philanthropy.
- **Environment** – Students are taught the importance of recycling and conservation.
- **Healthcare** – Students are taken "behind the scenes" at the hospital to learn medical records, preventive medical treatments, advances in medicine, and the importance of maintaining a healthy mind and body.
- **History and Local Government** – This session is designed to give an understanding and appreciation for Ocala/Marion County's history. Students also hear from local government officials and participate in a mock public hearing.

- **Ocala/Marion County Growth & Development** – Students will hear from our community’s economic development professionals about our community’s effort to attract business and expand existing businesses, grow jobs and increase the average wage and capital investment in our community.
- **Culture** – Experiences include visits to our cultural assets including the Ocala Civic Theatre, the Reilly Arts Center, the Discovery Center and Tusawilla Park, and The Appleton Museum of Art.
- **Justice** – Students hear from representatives of the Justice System including law enforcement officers, judges, state attorneys, and prosecutors. They experience a mock trial, learn about forensic science.
- **State Government** – This is a daylong session via Chartered Bus to Tallahassee where students visit with State Senators and Representative, participate in a mock Senate debate, visit the Florida Supreme Court and tour the Capitol Building.
- **Graduation** – Students and guests enjoy a dinner program designed to highlight their year. Graduation diplomas are distributed.

Program tuition is \$175. There may be a limited amount of partial scholarships available.

Included with the tuition:

- Polo shirt (uniform for each session)
- Snacks, drinks and dinner for each session
- Transportation costs—Tallahassee trip



Things to Keep in Mind

Each LOMY Class is limited to 40 students. ***Please review other time commitments before applying.*** For those students who are selected to participate in LOMY, it is **IMPERATIVE** the students understand the time commitment to the program.

Orientation, SIMSOC, Ropes, and Graduation are MANDATORY. If a student misses either one of these sessions he/she is excused from the program with no refund tuition. Additionally, only two (2) other absences are excused past the first two sessions; the third absence – **REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES** – will result in dismissal from program with no refund of paid tuition. Great leaders start by setting great examples and your attendance is your first step in developing the fundamentals of leadership qualities.

Questions, more information, or need to submit your LOMY application?
 Contact Bart Rowland, Director of Business Services and LOMY liaison
 by email: Bart@OcalaCEP.com or by phone: 352.629.8051

The Deadline for applying is March 10, 2017 by 5 pm

Applications may be submitted via email to Bart@OcalaCEP.com