

Your Invitation to be a Pine City Ambassador. . . *An Investment in your Future!*

Return completed application packet to: Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce * Pine City Ambassador Program * 500 Commerce Street * Jackson, AL 36545 * Deadline: All applications must be returned or postmarked by March 26th

PERSONAL INFORMATION		PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT	
NAME (LAST)	FIRST	MIDDLE	
NAME YOU PREFER TO BE CALLED		HOME PHONE	
DATE OF BIRTH	*SEX	*RACE	
SCHOOL		YEAR IN SCHOOL	
HOME ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	
CELL PHONE	EMAIL		
*This information is optional and will be used for statistical purposes.			

SCHOOL INFORMATION

WHAT ARE YOUR MAIN INTERESTS IN SCHOOL? _____

LIST UP TO THREE (3) SPECIAL AWARDS, HONORS, OR RECOGNITIONS FOR ACADEMIC, SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY RELATED ACTIVITIES RECEIVED DURING GRADES 7-11

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list in order of importance any activities in which you have participated in the last four years. One (1) being the most important and four (4) being the least important.

Organization/Activity	Year	Responsibility/Involvement/Position
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

WORK EXPERIENCE

List any part-time job experience, paid or volunteer, and briefly tell what it involved. _____

Do you currently have a part-time job? _____ Hours worked per week _____

Would your job interfere with your attendance as a Pine City Ambassador? _____

ATTENDANCE COMMITMENT

To graduate from the Pine City Ambassador Junior Leadership Program, I understand and agree to attend each of the six workshops and Chamber sponsored events during the months of July through April. Even though emergencies do arise, any participant missing more than one workshop and one event, for whatever reason, may be asked to withdraw from the program. I understand the purpose of the Pine City Ambassador Junior Leadership Program and the importance of attending all workshops/events. My signature on this application signifies by agreement to devote the time and resources necessary to complete this program.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

PARENTAL PERMISSION / RELEASE AGREEMENT

I am the parent or legal guardian of _____ (student). The Pine City Ambassador Junior Leadership Program, its agents and its employees have my full permission and consent to transport and otherwise provide transportation for my child by public service bus, private automobile, vans or other appropriate means of transportation in connection with any session of the Pine City Ambassador program during the term in which he or she is a participant in the Pine City Ambassador Program.

I hereby hold the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce, board of directors, staff, and volunteers, harmless of any accident, injury, illness or any damage whatsoever related to the above mentioned student's attendance at or participation in any session of the Pine City Ambassador Program.

Periodically, students participating in the Pine City Ambassador Program events may be photographed, filmed, or interviewed. As the parent and/or legal guardian of _____ (student), I grant permission for my child to participate in photograph, films, and interviews as they pertain to the Pine City Ambassador Program and I understand that such pictures, film or interviews may be used to promote or publicize the Pine City Ambassador event or demonstrate the effectiveness of the program.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

SCHOOL APPROVAL

The school reserves the right to withdraw the student from the program for academic and/or discipline problems. The school certifies the approval of _____ (student) and that the student meets the eligibility requirements as stated in the Pine City Ambassador Eligibility Requirements. All applicants MUST have the approval of their school principal to attend any workshop session that may take place during the school day. Please have your principal sign below:

Signature of School Principal _____ Date _____

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What is the Pine City Ambassador Junior Leadership Program?

It is a program designed to help students prepare for a successful future and represent their school and communities with honor and pride. Our goal is to enable you to explore your community, broaden your talents, interact with your peers, discover what makes you a leader and find out how you can make a difference! After successful completion of the program, each participant receives a scholarship to the college/university of their choice!!

Eligibility Requirements

1. The applicant must be a High School Junior in good standing.
2. Attend Jackson High School, Jackson Academy or Leroy High School.
3. Home school applicants must be from an established state recognized home school or church affiliated school.
4. Demonstrate potential leadership capability.
5. Have an interest in addressing the issues/challenges in school/community.
6. Is able to purchase a Pine City Ambassador shirt.
7. Is willing to sign a Code of Conduct upon being selected to the program.
8. The application must be signed by the applicant's principal.

Class Commitment

1. Duration of the program: July through early April.
2. Six workshops: Once a month (5:30 PM until 7:30 PM) (Some sessions may be whole day sessions).
3. Six special events sponsored by the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce: Times will vary.
4. Attendance policy: Excused absences are limited to one (1) workshop and one (1) special event.
5. Participants may be asked to volunteer at other community events approved by the program advisers.

Selection Procedure

Using the mission and goals of the Pine City Ambassador Junior Leadership Program, the PCA Selection Committee will:

1. Review all applications.
2. Choose a group of finalists to be interviewed.
3. Interview those with complete application packets on April 5th and April 6th.
4. If potential candidate cannot interview on the scheduled interview days due to an unavoidable or catastrophic illness (emergency surgery or is hospitalized), or death of an immediate family member (parents, grandparents, siblings), the potential candidate will be given the opportunity to reschedule the interview. The potential candidate must be available to be interviewed seven days within the last scheduled interview (April 13th). This policy will be strictly adhered to. No exceptions will be made.
5. There are only 16 participants selected for the Pine City Ambassador Junior Leadership Program.
6. Only if there are applicants from an established state recognized home school or church affiliated school, the board of directors would reserve the right to utilize a contingency plan. This plan would allow for two (2) slots, at large, to be added on as an as needed basis to the sixteen (16) slots already in existence, which would result in the total of eighteen (18) slots.
7. Each school will be granted positions in the program based on Junior class (11th Grade) enrollment.
8. The selection process will consist of two portions: Objective Criteria (which is based on academics, citizenship, leadership and character) and Interview.
9. The judges only are privy to the written results of questions asked during the interview process. Neither parents nor other individuals are privy to this information. Results of interviews are strictly confidential and not for public consumption.
10. All applicants will be notified in writing of the selection committee's decision.
11. Applications will remain confidential.

REFERENCE FORM

TO THE APPLICANT PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

TO THE REFERENCE

The person named above is an applicant for the Pine City Ambassador Junior Leadership program. The Review Committee attaches considerable weight to the statements made by the reference of the applicant. The Committee is aware of the time necessary on your part to prepare such an assessment and gratefully acknowledges your help.

Please return by March 26th to:

Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce
Pine City Ambassador Junior Leadership Program
500 Commerce Street
Jackson, AL 36545

Name of Reference _____ Title/Position _____

School/Firm/Organization _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

Please provide an assessment of the applicant's academic performance, character and conduct. If additional space is needed you may use an additional sheet. _____

Please use the scale below to compare the applicant with other high school students you know.

Characteristic	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding	Unable to judge
Responsibility					
Leadership					
Initiative					
Team Player					
Communication Skills					
Interest in Community					

Signature of Reference _____ Date _____

Become a Pine City Ambassador!!

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Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce

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Need additional Application Packets? Visit www.jacksonalabama.org or visit the Chamber office Mon. thru Fri. 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Questions: Call (251) 246-3251 or email jacksonchamber@bellsouth.net

