The Kettering Youth Leadership Academy, sponsored by the City of Kettering Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department and Partners For Healthy Youth has been created to equip youth with important knowledge and skills needed to help lead a community. In a 12-month period, class members will learn through presentations, discussions, and direct experience about every major aspect of community life including public safety, city government, education/schools, community diversity, health care, business and service clubs/volunteering. Participants are selected based on their leadership potential and demonstrated commitment to the community and school. As a graduate of the program, you will help form a foundation of youth who are uniquely qualified for the responsibilities of future community leadership.

A maximum of 27 youth will have the opportunity to participate in the Kettering Youth Leadership Academy. Participants are selected on their own merits by their respective schools. The admissions process consists of a written application.

Each participant is required to attend at least eight sessions, the Project Planning Session (Retreat) and complete the service project to be eligible to graduate.
Candidates must demonstrate the ability to set and achieve goals, which is an indication of the applicant’s motivation and leadership potential.

Candidates must demonstrate commitment to the community. This is achieved through past and current community involvement and interest in future involvement beyond the scope of the Kettering Youth Leadership Academy.

Candidates must show potential to impact the community. This is based on the applicant’s ability to offer leadership and resources to benefit the community; work with other community leaders; and provide initiative in critical areas.

The 2014 Kettering Youth Leadership Academy consists of classes from 8:30 a.m. and meeting at the Kettering Recreation Complex until 3 p.m. We will go places in the community but always dropping off and picking up at the Kettering Recreation Complex. The dates are scheduled as follows:

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Thank you for your interest in the Kettering Youth Leadership Academy. Please print clearly or type all information. Answer each question completely.

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

Student: ____________________________________________

(First) (Last)

Address: ____________________________________________

(Street) (City/State) (Zip)

Home Phone: __________________________  Cell Phone: __________________________

Student email address: __________________________

School: __________________________  Grade: __________________________

Parent(s): __________________________

Parent(s) email: __________________________

Parent(s) Cell phone: __________________________

**FINANCIAL & PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

Participation is free.

Participants are expected to attend all sessions, eight full-day classes and a retreat, along with completing a service project. Those missing more than two sessions will be denied graduation and asked to withdraw from the program.

Will you be able to fulfill the required time commitment? *(Please circle one)*  

Yes  No

**COMMITMENT**

*Please read and sign the following statement:*

*I understand the time commitment involved upon being selected for the Kettering Youth Leadership Academy. If selected, I am willing to devote the time and energy needed to be a contributing member of the class. I understand that if I fail to meet the obligations of the Academy I will be asked to withdraw from the program. I verify that the information provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge.*

Signature __________________________  Date __________________________

*Participant*

Signature __________________________  Date __________________________

*Parent/Guardian*
1. Briefly describe your volunteer/leadership responsibilities:

2. The Kettering Youth Leadership Academy will discuss many community issues. What community issues would you bring to the table for discussion?

3. The selection committee receives many applications. Why should you be selected for this Academy?

4. What do you hope to gain from the Kettering Youth Leadership Academy experience? (List three expectations in order of importance to you.)

5. Do you know about the Kettering Youth Council? Yes No

6. The Kettering Youth Council focuses on service and leadership with youth in Kettering. Would you like to receive information about the Kettering Youth Council? Yes No

**Requirements for Application Processing**

- All applications must be submitted by **Friday, December 6, 2013**.
- Return application to School Main Office.
- Selections will be made by the schools before winter break.
- If selected, participants will be notified via email in late December.