

Youth Leadership Jackson

Class of 2027 Program Calendar



Friday, January 29, 2027

Orientation

The program kicks off with Youth Leadership Jackson students from across the metro area and provides an overview of the program and service projects.

Friday, February 5, 2027

Quality of Life: Culture, Business, and Economic Development

This session gives students a first-hand look at the artistic and cultural diversity of the Jackson area and examines the role of business and economic development. What characteristics make our area attractive? How does this relate to quality of life and economic growth? The program will explore both the tangible and intangible aspects of metropolitan life.

Friday, February 26, 2027

History in Context and Community

Students will have the opportunity to identify, understand, and come to terms with Mississippi's civil rights history. The session challenges participants to examine their own attitudes toward racial issues and to learn to communicate more effectively across differences.

Friday, March 26, 2027

The Justice System: Law and Politics

An interactive exploration of how the justice system shapes our communities. Students will examine how laws are created, interpreted, and enforced, and how these processes affect life at the city, county, and state levels. The session also introduces participants to current policy issues and the inner workings of Mississippi's state capitol.

Friday, April 9, 2027

Education: The Pathway to Success

This session explores public, private, and charter schools and their collective role in combating the “brain drain” cycle. Students will consider how education, workforce development, and business partnerships contribute to long-term success.

Tuesday, April 20, 2027 (afternoon / early evening)

Project Day - Details TBD

Midtown x Millsaps Block Party

Thursday, April 29, 2027 - Luncheon

Graduation

The program concludes with a celebration honoring members of the Youth Leadership Jackson class for their successful completion of all program requirements.