

Name: _____

Date: _____

Submission Deadline: May 14th, 2025



SOUTHWEST MOBILE COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2025-2026

T.A.L.L.



Program

Tillman's Corner Area Learning Leadership



Mission:

SouthWest Mobile County Chamber believes in encouraging & cultivating young people in our area to make a positive difference in their community. Through this program, we will offer experiences to empower selected participants to emerge as leaders and trustees of our community.

About:

TALL is a community leadership development program of the SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce. It is an 8 Month program beginning in September and ending in April with a graduation ceremony. The program is designed to inform, motivate and increase the awareness of each participant through interaction with community leaders, training seminars, field trips, and volunteering for various community events. TALL Program participants receive first-hand knowledge of local economic, political and social issues impacting the community. They will garner leadership skills by building relationships with peers and community leaders, broaden their awareness of community needs, and learn what it takes to become a consensus builder and effective decision-maker. Our goal is to celebrate student achievement and to instill a genuine concern for and commitment to help shape our community. After graduating from the program, these students are prepared to put their talents to work and take on future leadership opportunities. TALL students are chosen through an application process and selection is based upon academic performance, school activities and community involvement. This program is a gateway to our scholarship process and all students must enroll and complete the T.A.L.L. Program to be eligible for scholarships.

Eligibility & Program Requirements:

TALL is an exclusive program offered to hard-working, exemplary high school students with a desire to expand their horizons and their exposure to businesses and organizations around SouthWest Mobile County. Students must attend school in Mobile County. All applicants will be reviewed by a panel of community leaders, and finalists will be invited for an interview. Selection is based on potential or demonstrated leadership abilities, academic excellence, and commitment to school and community. Selections will be made in June and all applicants will be notified of the results by July.

- High School Senior during the 2025 – 2026 Academic School year
- 3.0 or Higher Weighted GPA (4.0 Scale)
- Unofficial High School Transcript
- Complete Application Questions
- Include a Photograph of yourself (4' x 6')
- Must be available for an in-person interview on Thursday, June 5th, 2025.

☐ **Have three Reference Forms (Teacher, Counselor, Pastor, Employer, Etc.)**

☐ Applicants will not be considered unless ALL information is submitted by **May 14th, 2025**. Information must be submitted together in one packet (application, three references, transcript, and photo). **The Chamber will not accept partial packets.** Packets may be turned in to the Chamber Office or mailed to 5055 Carol Plantation Rd, Mobile, AL 36619. **No applications, recommendations, or other requirements will be accepted through email.**

Expectations:

- Commit to participate fully and meet attendance requirements for monthly sessions
 - Complete necessary service time and assignments outside of monthly sessions
 - Represent the Southwest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce in a professional and exemplary manner
- Participants must make a **commitment** to the program. Attendance at each monthly session are prerequisites for graduation certification and consideration for scholarship. Students who fail to adhere to the above requirements may be dismissed from the program. The leadership steering committee will review each situation and make a decision regarding continued participation in the program.

All selected members of the program will be required to pay a \$25.00 registration fee to cover their supplies.



Applicant's Name _____ Phone (____) _____ Carrier _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email: _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Polo Shirt Size _____ Currently Employed _____

Name of Current or last employer _____ Position _____

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Phone (____) _____

Parent's Email: _____

Phone carrier is needed for group texting from the director.

School Applicant is now attending

Name of High School _____

Will you be a Senior during the 2025-2026 school year _____ GPA _____ Weighted ☐ Unweighted ☐

Counselor Name _____

Counselor Email _____

List School/Community Groups and Organizations you have been affiliated with during High School.

List your role in one High School extracurricular activity or community-related activity in which you have participated and explain how it has helped you to develop leadership skills. _____

List any awards, honors and recognitions for academic, school, religious, or community-related activities you have received over the last four years. _____

What are your future goals and plans after graduating High School? _____

In your opinion, what are the three most important characteristics of a leader? Explain Why? For example: character, concern for others, responsibility, initiative, curiosity, teamwork, maturity, poise, oral communication, written communication, persistence, drive, community interest, analytical ability, etc. _____

Name someone (outside your immediate family) that has greatly impacted your life and describe how their influence has affected your choices as a young adult. _____

Give one interesting fact about yourself (something others may not know). _____

What do you hope to learn through his program that will benefit you in the future? _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Thank you to our partners who have made this program possible!



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Representative Margie Wilcox - District 104

Alabama House of Representatives

Please Return Application no later than May 14th, 2025.

ATTN: TALL Leadership Program

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Reference Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

School/Business/Religious Group/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Please submit your answers on a separate sheet of paper

1. How do you know the applicant and how long have you known them?
2. What do you consider to be the applicant's primary talents & strengths?
3. Describe applicant's relationship with his/her peers
4. Why do you feel the applicant would be a good candidate for the TALL Program?
5. Please comment on anything you feel we should know about the applicant.

The information you provide will be kept confidential and will not be divulged to the student. Please put in sealed envelope before handing to student to turn in with their application packet.

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