



Dear Parents and Educators:

Junior Leadership El Paso is an innovative program for area high school juniors with the potential to become El Paso's next generation of leaders. Based on The El Paso Chamber successful adult program, Leadership El Paso, Class 25 has tailored Junior Leadership El Paso for high school juniors who receive a hands-on education about El Paso's issues, history, challenges and opportunities. Participants tour the region and meet face-to-face with some of the area's top movers and shakers in business, government, the arts, health care, education, the military and economic development.

Junior Leadership El Paso also offers the unique opportunity for students to meet and interact with other high school students from across the El Paso area, providing them with the communication skills, confidence, and leadership ability they will need to give them a running start toward success.

During the year-long involvement with Junior Leadership El Paso, up to 40 students participate in monthly day-long sessions that help them gain a thorough understanding of the city they call "home." In addition, each session is designed to support the students' high school education by following Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Social Studies criteria. Students from high schools in the El Paso County will be selected through a competitive scoring process. The program has expanded to include parochial and home school students.

The program is free to students thanks to the generous efforts of El Paso Electric, the Hunt Family Foundation, Texas Gas Service, and Marathon Petroleum. Leadership El Paso Class 25 alumni who conceived and developed the program continue to manage the curriculum along with other Board volunteers.

Attached is an application for your consideration. Please feel free to duplicate this form as needed. We humbly ask that you recommend your incoming 2019-2020 Junior students for Junior Leadership El Paso. The deadline for application submissions is **August 29, 2019**. Once the selection process is complete, the student will be notified by mail and/or phone of the status of their application.

Respectfully,

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