



~For Sophomore and Junior Students for 2024-2025 School Year~  
Application Deadline June 3, 2024

### What Is Student LIFT?

Student Leadership Information For Tomorrow, LIFT, is an initiative of the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce. The program offers twenty-eight rising sophomores and juniors who reside in Randolph County the opportunity to learn more about the area and gain valuable leadership skills. LIFT is an exciting and unique privilege for those selected. The goal is to produce leaders who are interested in their community both now and in the future.

LIFT is a highly structured six-month program in which a wide variety of resources, issues, and services will be examined. Participants will interact with business and local leaders as well as participate in special tours that will offer a “behind the scenes” perspective into situations and decisions. Prominent individuals from the public and private sectors give generously of their time, talent, and knowledge to serve as speakers or panelists for these sessions.

LIFT students will be challenged to increase their knowledge and to become actively involved in problem solving through dialogue with existing leaders in Randolph County. The experiences in this program will have immediate and long-term positive effects on the graduates, their school, and community.

### What Is The Curriculum?

LIFT consists of an orientation, followed by six daylong sessions during the course of the school year. The session topics and dates/times are indicated below:

<b>Orientation</b>	Wednesday, September 4, 2024	5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
<b>Ropes Course</b>	Saturday, September 7, 2024	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. *Mandatory session
<b>Agriculture &amp; Tourism</b>	Wednesday, October 9, 2024	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
<b>Justice &amp; Law</b>	Wednesday, November 13, 2024	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
<b>Business &amp; Industry</b>	Wednesday, January 29, 2025	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
<b>Health &amp; Human Services</b>	Wednesday, February 26, 2025	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. *Community Service Project Due
<b>History &amp; Government</b>	Wednesday, March 19, 2025	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
<b>Graduation Banquet</b>	Tuesday, April 29, 2025	6 p.m.-8 p.m. *Date subject to change

In addition, each participant accepted into the program must attend a Government Meeting (city, town, county or board of education) by the March Session, complete ten hours of community service, plan, organize and complete a Community Service Project, which has been approved by the Student LIFT Committee. A Community Service Project Approval form must be completed and attached to the student’s application and received in the Chamber office no later than 5:00 pm on June 3, 2024.

### Criteria For Selection?

The goal of the Student LIFT Committee is to select a class representative of the entire community. Those rising sophomores and juniors applying for the program should possess the following:

1. A sincere commitment and motivation to be involved along with a desire to learn more about their community.
2. An interest, or the intent, to seek volunteer leadership roles.
3. 100% Participation! Attendance at all of the sessions is required. One session may be missed with a written excuse, however attendance at the Ropes Course is mandatory. Those who do not meet the attendance requirements will not be eligible to graduate from the program.
4. This completed application and the Community Service Project Approval Form must be received by the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce no later than June 3, 2024. The Student LIFT Committee will review this application, and conduct interviews from which 28 participants will be chosen to participate in the 2024-2025 Student LIFT Program. Questions may be directed to the Chamber office located at 137 S. Fayetteville St, Asheboro, NC 27203, email: [info@ashranchamber.com](mailto:info@ashranchamber.com) or by phone at (336) 626-2626.

### How Much Is The Tuition?

Tuition to participate in Student LIFT program is \$75.00. This fee will assist with costs incurred for each session including meals, refreshments, speakers, transportation, materials, graduation and administrative fees. Each participant is responsible for payment of tuition upon acceptance into the program. Need-based scholarships are available.

### Application Instructions

Please complete each section in full, limiting answers to the space available. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Application, signatures by principal, guidance counselor, parents/guardians and students must be completed and received at the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce, 137 S. Fayetteville St., Asheboro, NC 27203 no later than June 3, 2024.

**PERSONAL DATA:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

First

Middle

Last

Nickname

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street/P.O. Box

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**(OPTIONAL) PERSONAL DATA:** (This information is helpful in assuring we have a diverse class.) ( ) Male ( ) Female

Length of Residence in County \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**WORK EXPERIENCE:** List any part-time job experiences, paid or volunteer, and briefly tell what they involved \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have a part-time job? ( ) Yes ( ) No If yes, how many hours per week do you work? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your job or any extracurricular activities interfere with attending Student LIFT's full day sessions? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT-GUARDIAN DATA:**

Father/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Mother/Guardian Employer \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL DATA:**

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be ( ) Sophomore or ( ) Junior at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year?

How did you learn about Student LIFT? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please have your guidance counselor complete and sign the following:**

I recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for Student LIFT.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name, Guidance Counselor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature, Guidance Counselor

**A FEW QUESTIONS: List up to five school activities in which you have participated during the last four years:**

Name of club/organization/sport                      Years                      Your Role

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**List up to five activities that are non-school related in which you have participated during the last four years:**

Name of club/organization/church/sport                      Years                      Your Role

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If you have not had the opportunity to participate in such activities, why not?

( ) Time ( ) Not Interested ( ) Work ( ) Financial Reasons ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

In your opinion, what responsibility do youth have to help solve community problems?

If you could change anything in your city, or county, what would it be and why?

Why do you want to participate in the Student LIFT?

What do you think are the 3 most important issues facing Randolph County or your city and what are your suggestions in dealing with these issues?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Which organization would you choose to commit to performing 10 hours of volunteer community service and why?

**School Principal Approval: All applicants MUST have approval of their school principal to attend sessions of Student LIFT.**

This applicant has my approval and full support, which includes the time required to participate in the program.

Principal Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I understand the purpose of the Student LIFT program. If selected, I fully commit to complete the program and agree by signing this application. A participant can be absent no more than one class session to graduate from the program. Participation in Ropes Course is absolutely mandatory in order to be accepted into the program. Transportation to and from the Chamber for each session will be the responsibility of the student.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent /Guardian Permission**

I am the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_. I have read the information on the Student LIFT program and am willing to allow my child to participate, if selected. I hereby certify that he/she is adequately covered by an accident and health and/or hospitalization insurance policy, which is in effect during his/her participation in the activities. The coverage is by virtue of (check one of the following):

- ( ) Scholastic Accidental Insurance (offered through the school) ( ) My (our) personal insurance policy

The Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce, its agents and its employees have my full permission and consent to transport my child by public school bus, private automobile, vans or other means of transportation in connection with all sessions of the program during the period in which he/she is a participant. I hereby release and hold harmless the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce, Asheboro City School System, Randolph County School System, and Uwharrie Charter Academy their members, agents, employees any other parties and/or individuals involved in the planning, organization or presentation of this program, from all liability for injuries, accidents, illness or any damage or related expenses whatsoever related to the student's attendance at or participation in any activity or session of Student LIFT regardless of whether or not they are adequately covered by the insurance protection certified above. Furthermore, I certify that this form grants the supervising leaders permission to seek medical assistance for my child in an emergency. In cases of special medical problems, arrangements must be made in advance with student, parents, and other officials.

Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**This application, fully completed, and including all required signatures must be received by the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce, 137 S. Fayetteville St., Asheboro, NC 27203, no later than 5:00 pm on June 3, 2024. You may also scan and email to [info@ashranchamber.com](mailto:info@ashranchamber.com).**

**Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce  
Student LIFT Community Service Project  
Guidelines and Requirements**

**Project Requirements**

- The project must be beneficial to a school, organization or community in Randolph County.
- Fundraising for direct monetary solicitation from business is not allowed. However, you may ask a business for discounts or material donations to complete your project.
- The project should be of significant magnitude and should represent the student's best possible effort.
- The project must have a planned and measurable outcome.
- The project must be self-funded.
- The project must be approved and supported by the appropriate school administration and/or any other involved organization(s).
- Ten (10) documented hours of volunteer service at a Randolph County non-profit organization. (Must be completed during the period you are participating in the program.)

**Before You Start**

- The proposed project must be approved by the Student LIFT Committee, appropriate school administration and/or organization(s) benefiting from its intended results.
- The Project Approval Form must be completed and submitted to the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce **attached to your Student LIFT application** no later than June 3, 2024.  
The form must include:
  - Who will benefit from the project?
  - How will they benefit?
  - What group will benefit from the project? (Will be contacted for approval)
  - Guidance in planning the project (If necessary)

**Upon Completion**

- Upon completion of the project, students must provide a completed "Final Service Project Report Form" that includes:
  - How did the project demonstrate the student's leadership skills?
  - Describe how the project was directed, planned, and executed.
  - Describe how the school, organization, or community benefited from the project.
  - Identify any associated cost and the source(s) of funding.
  - Explain any deviations taken from the original plan for the project.

Your project must be completed during the period you are participating in the program. You will be informed of the date your Final Student LIFT Community Service Project Report will be due during one of the first sessions of the program. You may be selected to make a presentation detailing all aspects of the project, beginning to end, including the benefits, at your Student LIFT Graduation.

Past projects:

- Tutoring or training for local children either at school or other organization.
- Organize a community clean-up day, pick-a-park or adopt-a-highway.
- Plan and organize a walk, run or sporting event for a local non-profit.
- Plan a fun event for special needs children.
- Plan and conduct a "Change for a Change" event at your school/church to collect money to donate to your favorite cause.
- Revitalize a park by repainting or refurbishing equipment.
- Plan, organize, and conduct a collection drive to assist needy families or children.
- Provide entertainment or care packages for nursing home, assisted living, hospital or Hospice patients.

*A mentor from the Student LIFT Committee will be available as a resource in helping you with your community service project. They will reach out to you in September either by phone, text or email. Please utilize their experience in the planning and promoting of your project.*

***Need assistance in choosing a project?  
Contact the Volunteer Center of Randolph County for more ideas and community needs  
at 336-626-6643 or talk to a past LIFT Graduate.***

**Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce  
Student LIFT Community Service Project  
Project Approval Form**

You may attach additional sheets as required to provide the information in each section.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Description - Describe the project that you plan to do:**

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**What group, school, organization or community will benefit from the project?**

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Name of, school, organization or community

\_\_\_\_\_

Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City

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State

\_\_\_\_\_

Zip

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Individual representing, school, organization or community

\_\_\_\_\_

Title

**Describe the benefits to designated group**

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**Plan of Action**

Plan your work describing the stages of project, the method, materials to be used, additional helpers and a time schedule for carrying out the project. The plan should also include a budget identifying estimated hours required for completion and any associated material cost and potential sources of funding.

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Finally, be sure to let us know the GOAL of your project. (For instance...My goal is to get 1,000 can food items to donate to the Salvation Army or My goal is to conduct a dodge ball tournament to benefit my school raising \$1,000, etc.) What is your goal? \_\_\_\_\_

In order for your project to be successful, where do you anticipate receiving support for your project?

(Check all that apply) ( )Community ( )Family ( )School ( )Friends ( )Church

( )Other \_\_\_\_\_

Provide an alternative project if the above doesn't work out: \_\_\_\_\_

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