

# BERNARD H. THOMAS

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

*for rising 5th-9th grade students in the Davidson County Schools*

### ***Submit application to your Guidance Counselor***

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### APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

- 1 Complete this application **in your own handwriting**. Use an additional sheet of paper, if necessary.
- 2 Ask one of your teachers (current or past) to complete a brief recommendation form, which is available from your school guidance counselor. Ask the teacher to return the form to you in a **sealed** envelope. Place your name on the outside of the envelope. This must be attached to complete your application. **The recommendation and application become property of the Davidson County Education Foundation and are confidential.**
- 3 Include parent or guardian signature below.
- 4 Return the application form and recommendation to your school's guidance office.

### APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Circle T-Shirt Size S M L XL (Adult Sizes Only)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School you currently attend \_\_\_\_\_ Grade this year \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # (**required**) \_\_\_\_\_ Work  
Phone # (**required**) \_\_\_\_\_ List ways you have been a leader in your class or school  
\_\_\_\_\_

What leadership skills would you hope to gain in the  
Academy? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you, as an individual, make a difference in your  
community? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian (**required**) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Participants will be expected to attend every Academy session, Monday –Friday,  
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lunches and Academy t-shirt will be provided. Transportation to and from  
DCCC will not be provided. Parents or guardians will be responsible for insurance and any special  
physical needs of participants. Parents will be notified of any discipline problems and students may  
be asked to leave the Academy if their behavior is disruptive.

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The Bernard H. Thomas Student Leadership Academy will be held at the Davidson County Community College. The Academy offers students within the Davidson County School System an opportunity to develop and use leadership skills during an exciting week of special classes and projects. Academy leaders emphasize skill development in the areas of self-awareness, listening, speaking, writing, team building, decision-making, problem solving, goal-setting and conflict resolution. Academy graduates are prepared to take leadership roles in the individual schools and communities.

Students from each school (rising 5 - 9) in the Davidson County School System will be selected based on their application form and the recommendation of their teacher(s). Students may attend the Academy one time in each of the following two levels: First Level (rising 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders), and Second Level (rising 7<sup>th</sup> , 8<sup>th</sup> , and 9<sup>th</sup> graders). Students are eligible to apply if they have not previously attended the Academy at the level to which they are currently applying. Applications must be completed by the student in his or her own handwriting.

The Academy is funded primarily by the Foundation with the help of several local businesses and individuals. There is no cost to the students. Lunches and an Academy t-shirt will be provided. Participation for all five days of the Academy is mandatory with classes beginning at 8:30 am and ending at 3:00 pm. Transportation to and from Davidson County Community College will not be provided and parents are responsible for insurance. All classes will originate and end at Davidson County Community College but may involve some activities away from campus for which transportation will be provided.

Students will be notified by mail of the status of their applications by the end of April. Participants will be required to submit medical and insurance verification forms before the Academy. Parents will be invited to attend a closing ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on Friday.