

Greater Reedley Chamber of Commerce

JUNIOR BOARD

Are you ready to make a real impact in your community? The Greater Reedley Chamber of Commerce Junior Board is your chance to do just that! Designed for high school and college students (ages 15-20), this leadership program is all about promoting the community and fostering the enhancement of our region through education, networking, and advocacy.

Mission of the Junior Board

Our mission is to empower you to become leaders who can sustain and improve Reedley, and the local region. You'll learn how to make positive changes in your schools, neighborhoods, and community.

What Do Junior Board Members Do?

- **Explore Reedley:** Dive deep into our community, discovering the businesses and organizations that make it thrive.
- **Develop Skills:** Gain expertise in conducting meetings, outreach, public speaking, and group decision-making.
- **Lead Projects:** Create, manage, and implement exciting projects that benefit the community.

Benefits of Being a Junior Board Member

- **Quality Experience:** Participate in a well-organized and focused volunteer program.
- **Collaboration:** Work closely with local businesses, city government, and community organizations.
- **Leadership:** Learn to both lead and follow to drive community betterment.
- **Ambassadorship:** Represent the Reedley Chamber with pride.

Who Can Apply?

- Students aged 15-20 who live or attend school in Reedley or surrounding communities.
- Anyone passionate about community improvement.
- Those eager to learn about leadership, action planning, and group decision-making.
- Individuals who enjoy teamwork, sharing ideas, and having fun!

Time Commitment

The Junior Board runs from August 2024 to May 2025. Here's what you need to know about the commitment:

- **Monthly Meetings:** Typically, held on the last Wednesday of each month from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
 - **Schedule:**
 - August 28, 2024 – Orientation
 - September 25, 2024
 - October 30, 2024
 - November 20, 2024
 - December 18, 2024
 - January 29, 2025
 - February 19, 2025
 - March 26, 2025
 - April 30, 2025
 - May 28, 2025
- **Attendance:** To stay in good standing, members can have no more than two unexcused absences.
- **Committee Meetings:** Called as needed.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Participate in community clean-ups, events, and Chamber activities. Volunteer hours will be verified for those needing to complete them.

Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from meetings and volunteer opportunities.

Join the Junior Board and be part of something big! Make new friends, develop essential skills, and help shape the future of Reedley. Apply now and start your journey towards becoming a community leader!

Recruitment Process:

- Complete the application packet which includes Application Form, Commitment Statement, and Participation Agreement or Parent Permission Form (for those under the age of 18) by June 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
- Please submit signed copies by email to erik@reedleychamber.com or deliver to the Greater Reedley Chamber of Commerce Office, 1044 G Street. (*Notice: Our office is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon*)
- You will be notified of an interview date following submission of your application.

GRCC JUNIOR BOARD APPLICATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____ City and Zip Code _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email address _____ School _____

Age _____ Birthdate _____ Shirt Size (circle one) S M L XL 2XL

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (Information required for applicants under the age of 18.)

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City and Zip Code _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email address _____

Briefly tell us about yourself:

Why do you want to serve on the Junior Board? _____

What are you hoping to learn or do while being a part of the Junior Board? _____

Please list any skills or experiences you have that you feel could benefit the Junior Board. _____

From time to time, the Greater Reedley Chamber may provide food or snacks. Please list any dietary restrictions and/or food allergies we should be aware of.

PARTICIPANTS COMMITMENT STATEMENT

I, _____, understand that the Junior Board of the Greater Reedley Chamber of Commerce is an important leadership role for youth. If accepted, I am fully prepared to fulfill the commitment that is asked of all members, including being a good representative for the youth of Reedley, working hard to make a positive change and being a positive role model for other youth.

I have also discussed the time commitment with my parents or legal guardian, teachers, sport coaches, employer, and other activity programs, and can make a serious time commitment given my responsibilities.

During board sessions, I will not be using electronic devices for uses outside of Junior Board requirements. I agree to be respectful to all the speakers and engage in class discussions.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ Date: _____

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

(For applicants 18 and older)

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY for Accidents/Injury: I agree that my activities as a volunteer for the Greater Reedley Chamber of Commerce are undertaken at my sole risk, and that the Greater Reedley Chamber of Commerce shall not be liable for any claims for injuries or damages whatsoever to my person or property arising out of or connected with my actions as a volunteer. I agree to indemnify and to hold the Greater Reedley Chamber of Commerce harmless for all claims and/or liability for me or to me. I also agree that this waiver and release shall apply to my heir(s), executor(s), and administrator(s). I have carefully read this Waiver/Release, I understand its contents, and I intend to be bound to its terms.

PHOTO RELEASE for valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged, I grant to the Greater Reedley Chamber of Commerce the right to use my photograph, portrait, likeness, or testimonial in the manner indicated below.

I agree to release and hold harmless all shareholders, directors, officers, employees, and agents of the Greater Reedley Chamber of Commerce from any activity, error, or omission associated with the reproduction of my photograph, portrait, likeness, or testimonial.

I have carefully read this release and understand its contents. I am aware that this is an assignment and release of liability, and a contract between myself and all the releases. I sign it of my own free will.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ Date: _____

PARENT PERMISSION

(Required only for applicants under the age of 18)

I, _____ the parent/legal guardian for _____, understand and agree with the mission and goals of the Junior Board of the Greater Reedley Chamber of Commerce and support her/him in this commitment, and give permission for full participation in all activities, meetings, field trips and responsibilities pertaining to the duties of a Junior Board Member.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY for Accidents/Injury: I agree that my child's activities as a volunteer for the Greater Reedley Chamber of Commerce are undertaken at their sole risk, and that the Greater Reedley Chamber of Commerce shall not be liable for any claims for injuries or damages whatsoever to them or their property arising out of or connected with their actions as a volunteer. I agree to indemnify and to hold the Greater Reedley Chamber of Commerce harmless for all claims and/or liability for me or to me, or if I am signing on behalf of a minor, that minor. I also agree that this waiver and release shall apply to my heir(s), executor(s), and administrator(s). I have carefully read this Waiver/Release, I understand its contents, and I intend to be bound by its terms.

I AGREE TO TRANSPORT OR ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION FOR MY CHILD TO AND FROM JUNIOR BOARD MEETINGS/EVENTS AT A TIMELY MANNER.

PHOTO RELEASE for valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged, I grant to the Greater Reedley Chamber of Commerce the right to use my child's photograph, portrait, likeness, or testimonial in the manner indicated below.

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I have carefully read this release and understand its contents. I am aware that this is an assignment and release of liability, and a contract between myself, or if I am signing on behalf of a minor, that minor and all the releases. I sign it of my own free will.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN _____ Date: _____