



Chamber of Commerce

Emerging Community Leaders (ECL) Program Application

Sponsored by the Shiner Chamber of Commerce

ECL (Emerging Community Leaders)—formerly known as YAT—is a youth service organization designed to build community involvement, develop leadership skills, and gain exposure to local business leaders. Sponsored by the Shiner Chamber of Commerce, the ECL program provides students with opportunities to serve at community events, support small business initiatives, and grow through hands-on experience in leadership, teamwork, and communication.

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Grade:
School:
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Students entering 8th through 12th grade are eligible to apply beginning May 1 each year. The ECL year runs from June 1 – May 31. Service hours earned during this time count toward the ECL Annual Award and are factored into the Senior Scholarship Application during the student's 12th-grade year.

Student Information

- Student Full Name: _____
- Grade for 2025–2026 School Year: _____
- School Attending: _____
- Student Phone: _____
- Parent/Guardian Name: _____
- Parent/Guardian Phone: _____
- Parent/Guardian Email: _____

ECL Service Hour Guidelines

To qualify for the ECL Annual Award, students must:

- Complete a minimum of 10 service hours
- Earn hours between June 1, 2025 – June 1, 2026.
- Have hours signed by a Chamber Board member on the day of service to count.
- Record their own hours and maintain accuracy.

Qualifying Service Opportunities Include:

- Half Moon Holidays
- Christmas in the Park
- Miss Shiner Royalty Pageant
- Royalty & ECL Community Giveback Projects
- Bingo Banquet
- Office Assistance
- Marquee Board Updates
- Grand Openings & Ribbon Cuttings
- Other Chamber approved events posted via GroupMe

✓ *Only hours from official ECL opportunities will count. (Shiner Royal Court member hours DO NOT COUNT)*

✓ *All events and updates will be posted on the GroupMe app.*

✓ *Parents and students must join GroupMe to stay informed.*

Acknowledgment & Commitment

By signing below, I acknowledge the expectations of the ECL program and agree to uphold the responsibilities of tracking and completing service hours as outlined. I understand that hours must be completed within the given timeframe and only at Chamber-approved events. I also agree to join the GroupMe for regular updates.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Questions?

Contact the Shiner Chamber of Commerce at chamber@shinertx.com

We look forward to a great year of leadership, service, and success!

(KEEP THIS SECTION TO RECORD HOURS)

Name: _____ Grade _____

☐ Entry 1

Name of Event: _____

Date: _____, 20

Service Description:

Number of Hours of Service: _____

Chamber Representative Signature: _____

☐ Entry 2

Name of Event: _____

Date: _____, 20

Service Description:

Number of Hours of Service: _____

Chamber Representative Signature: _____

☐ Entry 3

Name of Event: _____

Date: _____, 20

Service Description:

Number of Hours of Service: _____

Chamber Representative Signature: _____

☐ Entry 4

Name of Event: _____

Date: _____, 20

Service Description:

Number of Hours of Service: _____

Chamber Representative Signature: _____

☐ Entry 5

Name of Event: _____

Date: _____, 20

Service Description:

Number of Hours of Service: _____

Chamber Representative Signature: _____

☐ Entry 6

Name of Event: _____

Date: _____, 20

Service Description:

Number of Hours of Service: _____

Chamber Representative Signature: _____

☐ Entry 7

Name of Event: _____

Date: _____, 20

Service Description:

Number of Hours of Service: _____

Chamber Representative Signature: _____

☐ Entry 8

Name of Event: _____

Date: _____, 20

Service Description:

Number of Hours of Service: _____

Chamber Representative Signature: _____