

Kernersville Connections 2008-2009 Application

Interviews to be held at area high schools. We will call to schedule time.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____

e-mail address: _____ Birthday: _____

Gender: M F School Attending: _____ Year (08/09): Sophomore Junior

Years lived in Kernersville area: _____ Favorite subject in school: _____

G.P.A.: _____ (C average required) _____ Point Scale Q.P.A.: _____

You may use additional paper if needed:

School, civic, church activities: _____

Honors/Awards: _____

Employment and current hours: _____

-Please attach **two recommendations (one form below. Please make copies.)** to this application. One recommendation is required from an educator (principal, teacher, etc. and can be from any grade level). The second recommendation should come from an adult in the community who knows you well (ex. Church, employer, civic organization member, neighbor). Neither recommendation may be from a relative.

-Also, please attach a 150 word paragraph answering the following question. Do not exceed the word limit. Remember, your paragraph and its attention to neatness and content will reflect not only your thoughts but your professionalism. Please make one copy of your entire application for your records **AND SUBMIT 3 COPIES OF YOUR ENTIRE APPLICATION TO US.**

Paragraph Question: Should Kernersville preserve the small town atmosphere it now has or should its focus be on growth? Can there be both (quality of life and increased population)? If so, how?

Additional paper may be used for responses to application questions.

No applicant will be denied for racial, religious, or financial reasons. If help is needed covering the uniform fee if chosen, please contact Paula Speaks at 993-4521. The Chamber welcomes all to apply.

_____ Morning Interview Possible (our preference) _____ Must Have Afternoon Interview
Interviews will be held at local schools May 29 & 30.

APPLICATIONS DUE TO CHAMBER by Thursday, May 22.



Dear Applicant,

We are excited to have you apply for the sixth year of **Kernersville Connections**. This group of young adults will connect the youth of our community to businesses belonging to the Chamber of Commerce.

The selection committee, comprised of community leaders, will interview candidates and select 15-20 individuals for this honor by **May 30**. Interview times will be staggered before school from 7:30 until 8:30 on different days at Kernersville high schools. Afternoon appointments will be available for career center students unable to interview in the mornings. We will call with your interview time. Previous Connection participants will NOT have to reapply.

The group will serve in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, an adult group of business leaders. The group will represent the Chamber at functions like the Spring Folly, area business ribbon cuttings, the Kernersville Business Expo, and the annual Chamber dinner. **Connections** members will act as event hosts.

Required attendance will include a **mandatory initial meeting** to be held in **August**. We only ask that members commit to attend a minimum of five functions through the year in addition to the mandatory appearances at the annual banquet, Christmas parade and Spring Folly. We realize that you are busy leaders within your school and community, and we will work to be flexible with your schedule.

Some functions may be during school hours. These would be completely optional and based on school and parent permission to attend. The Chamber's Ambassadors will chaperone all events. We will work to rotate appearance schedules so that different group members are called upon for various events. Again, we plan to be flexible with school and extracurricular schedules.

Requirements include:

- Parental permission (All parents will be invited to any Chamber function where **Connections** participate.)
- An overall C grade average
- Sophomore or junior in high school
- Kernersville resident **or** resident of close, surrounding rural areas with an obvious connection to Kernersville (such as Scouting, church affiliation, etc.), **or** attending a Kernersville high school
- Two completed recommendation forms as specified on application
- If chosen, \$20 uniform fee for shirts to be worn with khaki pants, skirts, or shorts as appropriate.
- If chosen, must provide own transportation to and from events.
- If chosen, must be willing to sign an agreement to represent the Chamber with professional conduct.

The benefits are immeasurable to the 20 members chosen to participate. Not only will this be a high-profile position within our community, learning leadership skills and networking with area businesses will provide further motivation to succeed in school and in life. Also, selection will provide an impressive addition to high school resumes, important for college or job applications.

If you have questions, please contact Paula Speaks at the Chamber of Commerce at 993-4521 or acc@kernersvillenc.com.

Sincerely,

The Kernersville Chamber of Commerce Connections Program

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**Kernersville Chamber of Commerce
Connections *Recommendation Form***

Applicant: _____

Recommended by: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ e-Mail: _____

I know this applicant through: _____

I have known this applicant for _____ years.

Please rate the applicant on the following traits with (1) being the lowest and (10) being the highest.

Punctuality	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Work Ethic	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Diligence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Initiative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Friendliness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Neatness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Maturity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Follow-through	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cooperation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Confidence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Would this applicant represent our community well? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Unsure

Comments: (Please use back or additional paper for more space.)

Please place in sealed and initialed envelope.