



Dear Applicant,

We are excited to have you apply for the thirteenth year of **Kernersville Connections**. This group of young adults will connect the youth of our community to businesses belonging to the Chamber of Commerce. This is a 1 year program.

The selection committee, comprised of community leaders, will interview candidates and select 15 -20 individuals for this honor by **June 6**. Interview times will be staggered before or after school different days at Kernersville high schools. Afternoon appointments will be available for career center students unable to interview in the mornings. We will contact you with your interview time.

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, Business After/Before Hours events, the KMAZING Race (Sophomores only) and the Annual Chamber Banquet (Juniors only). 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 four functions throughout the year in addition to the mandatory appearances at the annual banquet (Juniors only), KMAZING Race (Sophomores only), Chamber Board meeting and Spring Folly. Graduation from the program is dependent upon the completion of these events.

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.

Students will be required to communicate with the Chamber of Commerce on a regular basis throughout the year. **Parents will not be allowed to schedule events for their student and communicate with the Chamber staff**. Those Connections students that will be selected are young leaders in their community and will be trusted with the responsibility of managing their time.

Requirements include:

- Parental permission
- An overall B- grade average
- 2015-2016 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, \$30 uniform fee for shirts to be worn with khaki pants, skirts, or shorts as appropriate. Or, uniform shirts may be obtained from past members.
- 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 Taylor DuBois at the Chamber of Commerce at 993-4521 or taylordubois@kernersvillenc.com.

Sincerely,

Taylor DuBois
Programs & Membership Director

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Kernersville Connections 2016-2017 Application

Interviews to be held at area high schools. We will contact you to schedule a time.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____

Email address: _____ Birthday: _____

Gender: M F School Attending: _____ Next School Year: Sophomore
Junior

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

G.P.A.: _____ (B- average required) 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 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 attention to neatness and content will reflect not only your thoughts, but also your professionalism.

Paragraph Question: If you had the opportunity to bring any person (past, present, fictional, nonfictional) to Kernersville who would you bring and to what places would you take them in town? Why?

No applicant will be denied for racial, religious, or financial reasons. If help is needed covering the uniform fee if chosen, please contact Taylor Thornton at 993-4521. The Chamber welcomes all to apply. Interviews will be held at NCLA the afternoon of **TBD**. The Chamber will contact you regarding your interview time. Email address must be current and all changes must be sent to taylordubois@kernersvillenc.com

APPLICATIONS DUE TO CHAMBER by May 23rd by 5pm

**Kernersville Chamber of Commerce Connections
Recommendation Form**

Applicant: _____

Recommended by: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

I have known this applicant for _____ years.

Please rate the applicant on the following traits with (1) being the lowest and (3) being the highest.

Punctuality	1	2	3
Work Ethic	1	2	3
Diligence	1	2	3
Initiative	1	2	3
Friendliness	1	2	3
Neatness	1	2	3
Maturity	1	2	3
Cooperation	1	2	3
Confidence	1	2	3
Capability	1	2	3

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.