

STUDENTS PROMOTING ACTION & RESPONSIBILITY

SPARK

TO KEEP SEVIER BEAUTIFUL

KEEP SEVIER BEAUTIFUL SPARK APPLICATION

KEEP SEVIER BEAUTIFUL'S MISSION

KSB is a nonprofit organization dedicated to motivating, engaging, and educating Sevier County residents and guests to take greater responsibility for improving our community's environment.

PURPOSE OF SPARK

As a member of SPARK, you will work with a team of fellow students to help KSB improve our County's environmental health and appearance through programs such as: beautification, community greening, litter prevention, waste reduction, recycling, and education. SPARK members will have the opportunity to work directly with KSB staff and volunteers, as well as members of the community, through participation in KSB events. In addition, SPARK will help you develop leadership, problem solving, planning, project management, and interpersonal skills that will aid your preparation for college or entering the workforce.

ELIGIBILITY

Participation in SPARK is open to 7th through 12th grade students attending a Sevier County school or homeschooled in Sevier County.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Leadership development and skill-building.
- Opportunities to socialize and network with peers and professionals.
- Fun and meaningful activities that have a positive impact on the community.
- Incentive and rewards program, including admission to local attractions.
- Experience for resumes and other applications.
- Community service hours required for Tennessee Promise and Tennessee Achieves scholarships or for other organizations and clubs.
- Participating Seniors will also be eligible to apply for the \$1000 Trillium Scholarship upon successful completion of program requirements. Scholarship details and applications can be found at keepsevierbeautiful.org or call KSB at (865) 774-6677.
- Personalized letter of recommendation upon successful completion of program requirements that can be used for college and job applications. Letters can be updated annually for SPARK members that participate multiple years.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Keep Sevier Beautiful recognizes that today's youth are inundated with opportunities for extracurricular involvement and that it can be hard to juggle multiple activities on top of schoolwork. As such, core program requirements are kept to a minimum and students are given the flexibility to choose which KSB events most interest them and fit their schedules.

Students that wish to be more involved are encouraged to do so through additional service hours and through optional leadership opportunities that provide additional growth, development, and impact on the community.

Core Requirements

- Attend monthly meetings.
- Complete 10 service hours with KSB projects.
- Help with *at least one* KSB event.

Optional Leadership Opportunities

- Lead a community service project **OR** coordinate one volunteer activity with another organization.
- Create an educational lesson/display **OR** draft a proposal on an environmental issue.
- Give a short presentation at the end of the year (could be individual or small-group).

CONSIDERATION FOR APPLICATION

Meetings and events will take place outside of school properties and hours. SPARK members will need transportation to and from meeting and event sites. However, SPARK members attending the same school may also choose to develop an in-school SPARK "club." KSB staff will provide support for this and/or any other SPARK activity.

SELECTION PROCESS

Interested applicants must complete the following form and submit it and all accompanying documents to the address or email listed below.

Checklist:

- Completed application form
- Attached resume or list of activities, clubs, and organizations involved with
- Two reference letters - one from a teacher, one personal

Applicants will be notified by email or phone, whether or not they have been selected to serve with SPARK. Any questions regarding the program or this form can be directed to the email or phone number below.

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Mail or email completed applications to:

KSB SPARK Application

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6088, Sevierville, TN 37864

Email Address: lbeldon@keepsevierbeautiful.org

(440) 867-3188

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Please type or print **LEGIBLY** in block letters with blue or black ink.

Applicant Name _____
First Middle Last Preferred

Applicant Email Applicant Phone

Street Address City Zip Code

School Information _____
Name of school Expected Graduation Year Counselor's Name

The goal of KSB is to “engage and educate Sevier County residents and guests to take greater responsibility for improving our community’s environment.”

How do you see yourself contributing to this goal?

Why are you applying for the KSB SPARK program?

Why do you think it is important for youth to participate in community service projects?

**** PLEASE ATTACH A RESUME, OR LIST OF ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, OR ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH YOU ARE INVOLVED****

REFERENCE LETTERS

Please include one teacher reference and one personal reference. Reference letters must be in a sealed envelope and can be mailed with application or mailed separately by the person writing the reference letter.

Name_____

Name_____

Phone_____

Phone_____

Email_____

Email_____

Relationship to you_____

Relationship to you_____

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date