

**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

- Class members must: (1.) Reside in Dickson County Or (2.) Work in Dickson County Or (3.) Make a significant contribution to Dickson County through volunteer work.
- Participants will be selected each year who are most apt to utilize their leadership ability for the long-term benefit of the community and whose inclusion in that year's class furthers the objective of the program to bring together persons with diverse backgrounds and interests.
- The LDCAA Board of Directors reserves the right to allow or deny entry into the program.

**PERSONS WILL BE FAVORED FOR SELECTION WHO:**

1. Have demonstrated a desire to serve the community by past civic activities.
2. Are willing to seek leadership roles on public and private boards, in volunteer organizations, or in public office.
3. Are motivated to improve their skills.
4. Have an occupation such that they are not likely to be relocating from the county in the immediate future.
5. Will commit to participate fully in the Leadership Dickson County program, meet its attendance requirements, and as alumni continue their involvement with the program for at least one year as resource persons, program planners, board members, or other roles as needed.

**PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT**

Leadership Dickson County is a learning experience and requires a commitment by the participant and the participant's employer. I understand the attendance policy and, if selected, will devote the time necessary to complete the program. Three absences will result in dismissal from your class.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If accepted in the Leadership Dickson County Program, you (or your employer) will be billed the tuition fee of \$425.00. The tuition fee covers all costs including meals. For those unable to pay the tuition, a limited number of scholarships are available. Do you wish to apply for a scholarship? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what amount of aid? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require handicapped access or special accommodations? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any food allergies that facilitators need to be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYER AGREEMENT**

This candidate has my full support of participating in Leadership Dickson County. I am aware of the time commitment involved in his/her effective participation, as well as the financial obligation. *If applicable, sponsoring business must sign.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsoring Organization/Corporation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**SUBMITTING APPLICATION**

**A completed application, \$25 application fee and letters of recommendation should be mailed to the address below or sent electronically to the email address below. The application and all pertinent documents must be received by end of business day on July 31, 2024. If you are accepted into the Leadership Dickson County program, you (or your employer) will be billed for the tuition fee of \$425.00.**

Leadership Dickson County  
C/O Dickson County Chamber  
205 South Main Street  
Dickson, TN 37055

A \$25 (non-refundable) application fee must accompany this form.



**LEADERSHIP DICKSON COUNTY (LDC)** is a Dickson County Chamber program to develop a diverse network of leaders throughout the county with a broad understanding of the area's community needs and issues.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2024**

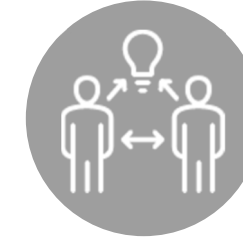
**LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT**



Opening Retreat Events



11 Program Days



Class Project



Alumni Activities

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**

2024-25 program days are scheduled as follows:

Opening Retreat <b>Friday, September 13</b>	Challenge Course <b>Saturday, September 14</b>	History Day <b>Thursday, October 29</b>	Community Resources Day <b>Thursday, November 14</b>
Public Utilities Day <b>Wednesday, December 11</b>	City/County Government Day <b>Thursday, January 16</b>	Education Day <b>Thursday, February 20</b>	State Government Day <b>Wednesday, March 5</b>
Economic Development/Tourism Day <b>Thursday, April 10</b>	Health Care Day <b>Thursday, May 1</b>	Communication - What's Next? <b>Tuesday, May 13</b>	Graduation (Evening) <b>Tuesday, May 13</b>

Any necessary schedule changes will be announced as soon as possible. Some individual activities will be required outside of scheduled program days. Each participant will be required to attend each of the following before the graduation date of the current year's class:

- (1) a City Council meeting (participant's choice of any city council inside Dickson County)
- (2) a Board of Education meeting
- (3) a County Commission meeting
- (4) Dickson County Chamber or Leadership Dickson County Alumni Association Networking Event.
- (5) Participate in a service project by the class as a whole, that will benefit a local non-profit or promote Dickson County. Additionally, each participant will be required to do 4 hours of community service work that will benefit the community or a local non-profit organization.

**The LDC policy on attendance is as follows:**

- A class member must attend all of both opening retreat events (September 13 & 14) to continue in the class. A class member missing the retreat will be refunded his or her tuition, and may reapply for next year's class.
- Any absence from scheduled program days MAY be cause of automatic expulsion from the class. Each absence will be evaluated expeditiously by the LDC Program Director or Leadership Dickson County Alumni Association (LDCAA) President and the decision to expel or allow the student to continue with make up work is final. Three absences will result in dismissal from your class. Classes missed due to death in the immediate family or a serious illness of the class member are examples of allowable absences with make up work required by the class member to stay in the class.
- **\*\*Tuition will not be refunded under any circumstance for failure to finish the program.\*\***

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT**

**Jennie Wagner** | President | Dickson County Chamber  
Phone: (615) 446-2349 | Email: jennie@dicksoncountychamber.com

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## ABOUT YOU

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Years residing in Dickson County \_\_\_\_\_ OR Years employed in Dickson County \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for LDC before? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Use a few phrases or adjectives to describe yourself? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is your definition of Leadership? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## EMPLOYMENT

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Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date Began Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Present Title or Responsibility \_\_\_\_\_

How many days per month does your work require you to be out of the county? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider your highest responsibility, skill, or career achievement so far?  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Previous Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Your Position \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Service \_\_\_\_\_

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## GENERAL

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List any community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic, or other organizations of which you are or have been a member of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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What have you accomplished in these activities that you think is important? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities, Special Honors or Awards: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Have you been as active as you would like to be in the community? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, what have been the major barrier to your becoming involved? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What do you hope to gain from your Leadership Dickson County experience? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to actively participate in Leadership Alumni activities post graduation? \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify a particular challenge, issue or untapped opportunity you feel is critical to Dickson County.  
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## NEXT STEPS

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- **Please supply two (2) Letters of Recommendation** when submitting application.
- **Complete in-person interview** (scheduled when submitting application) explaining why you are a good candidate for LDC .