



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: AUGUST 3, 2026

LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT



Opening Retreat Days



9 Program Days



Class Project



Alumni Activities

ATTENDANCE POLICY

2026-27 program days are scheduled as follows:

Opening Retreat Thursday, September 17	Challenge Course Friday, September 18	History Day Thursday, October 22	City/County Gov't Day Thursday, November 12
Public Utilities Day Wednesday, December 9	Community Resources Day Thursday, January 14	Education Day Thursday, February 18	State Government Day Wednesday, March 10
Economic Development/Tourism Day Wednesday, April 7	Health Care Day Thursday, April 29	Communication - What's Next? Tuesday, May 11	Graduation (Evening) Tuesday, May 11

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 17 & 18) 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

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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 \$450.00. 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 August 3, 2026. If you are accepted into the Leadership Dickson County program, you (or your employer) will be billed for the tuition fee of \$450.00.

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.

ABOUT YOU

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? _____

EMPLOYMENT

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?

Previous Employer _____

Your Position _____ Length of Service _____

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GENERAL

List any community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic, or other organizations of which you are or have been a member of: _____

What have you accomplished in these activities that you think is important? _____

Extracurricular Activities, Special Honors or Awards: _____

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.

NEXT STEPS

- **Please supply two (2) Letters of Recommendation** when submitting application.
- **Complete in-person interview** (scheduled after submitting application) with LDCAA recruitment committee at chamber office.