



Leadership Dickson County

A program of the Dickson County Chamber

Date _____

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Years residing in Dickson County _____ OR Years employed in Dickson County _____

Home Address _____
Street *City* *Zip*

Home Phone _____ e-mail address _____

Cell Phone _____

Spouse's Name _____

Names and Ages of Children _____

EMPLOYMENT

Business Name _____

Business Address _____

Business Phone _____ Fax _____

Date Began _____ Present Title or Responsibility _____

Since _____

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 _____

Mailing Address _____

Your Position _____ Length of Service _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

EDUCATION

Begin with high school, then training and/or education beyond that period.

Name and City of School

Dates From – To

Degree/Major

Extracurricular Activities, Special Honors for Leadership Activities, and Awards for Academic Performance:

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list, in order of importance to you, up to five community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic, and other organizations of which you are or have been a member.

Organization

Length of Membership

Office Held

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

Have you been as active in community, civic, professional, and other activities as you would like to be? _____ If not, what have been the major barriers to your becoming involved?

TUITION AND FUNDING

If accepted in the Leadership Dickson County program, you or your employer will be billed the tuition fee of \$375. 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? _____

GENERAL

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

In your judgment, what are the three most pressing problems facing Dickson County today? Explain why and any recommendations you have for approaching and resolving these problems.

REFERENCES

Please list three references that we may contact:

All applications are subject to confidential evaluation. If you are not selected to participate in this year's class, your biographical data will be retained by the committee for consideration of later enrollment. The Leadership Board of Directors reserves the right to allow or deny entry into the program.

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.

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.*

ATTENDANCE POLICY

2021-22 program days are scheduled as follows: September 17, Opening; September 18, Challenge Course; October 21, History; November 10, (Wednesday) Social Services; December 16, Public Utilities; January 20, City/County Government; February 17, Education; March 30, (Wednesday) State Government; April 21, Economic Development/Tourism; May 5, Health Care; May 17, (Tuesday), Communication/What's Next?; May 17, (evening), Graduation.

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; and (3) a County Commission meeting. Participation in a service project by the class as a whole, that will benefit a local non-profit or promote Dickson County, will also be required. 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. If you are unable to make this commitment, it is not in your best interest to apply at this time.

The LDC policy on attendance is as follows:

1. *A class member must attend all of both opening retreat days (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.*
2. *Any absence from scheduled program days MAY be cause of automatic expulsion from the class. Each absence will be evaluated expeditiously by the LDC president and/or board and the decision to expel or allow the student to continue with make up work is final. 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.****

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.*

Applicant's Signature

Date

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

Completing this section is voluntary. The information will be helpful to ensure the diversity of the class.

Please circle one in each category:

Sex: Male Female **Race:** Black Hispanic Caucasian Asian Other _____

Do you require handicapped access or special accommodations? _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **JULY 30**

Please mail to: 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.

For questions: Contact Jennie Wagner at the Chamber at 615-446-2349 or email jennie@dicksoncountychamber.com