



Leadership Waco Application



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Dear Leadership Waco Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in **Leadership Waco**. The Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce conducts this program to identify potential community leaders and provide these individuals with information about various facets of our community, which improves the quality of life of area residents.

Solutions to community needs demand the active participation of informed citizens. **Leadership Waco** offers structured learning opportunities in an atmosphere that stimulates creative thinking and encourages participants to work together to utilize both new and proven tools to meet the challenges of today and to prepare for tomorrow.

Upon the successful completion of the **Leadership Waco** program, graduates enter a resource pool available to various civic, cultural and service organizations in the Waco area.

A limited number of participants will be selected for enrollment in the 2018-2019 class of **Leadership Waco**. Completion of the enclosed application is an important part of the selection procedure. Each application will be reviewed by an anonymous selection committee. **Leadership Waco** participants will be publicly announced in July.

In order to qualify, an applicant must be at least 25 years of age and either have lived or worked within the city of Waco or its extraterritorial jurisdiction for the past 12 months.

As with all worthwhile endeavors, **Leadership Waco** requires a definite commitment of time from each member. The program will begin with a one day retreat in August at the Baylor Ropes Course, followed by nine class sessions held on the third Tuesday, September through May; attendance is required at a minimum of one City Council, School Board or County Commissioners Meeting and attendance at a minimum of one local cultural event (theater, symphony, art exhibit) and a group service project. Attendance at each session is essential, and participants missing more than two sessions will be dropped from the program. Additionally, we are requesting Leadership Waco's participation in our Total Resource Campaign (TRC). Our campaign is an all-volunteer effort to enlist new members, generate program, publication and event sponsorships, securing budget reduction items and raise awareness of the Chamber throughout the region. Leadership Waco participants will be encouraged to create a team, set a fund-raising goal and work towards reaching that goal.

A fee of \$1,200 must be paid for each participant. This fee helps cover costs of the program, including materials, meals, transportation and any other related expenses. The applicant must pay \$100 of the fee. The balance may be paid by the participant, an employer or a sponsor. A limited number of partial scholarships are available. To be considered for a scholarship, the enclosed form must be completed and returned with your application. Your completed application, along with the signed statement of commitment and a photograph/headshot, must be received by the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce office or be postmarked **no later than Friday, May 25**. You will be notified as soon as the committee makes its selection. If you have any questions, please contact me at 254-757-5633 or rmartinez@wacochamber.com.

Sincerely,

Rachel Martinez
Director Community Development, Leadership & Education
Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce

LEADERSHIP WACO

Application

The following information will be the only criteria used for your selection in the Leadership Waco class. Print or type and attach any additional pages as necessary. You may provide this information from a computer, but you must follow the same sequence of data and must not eliminate any details requested. Please be explicit with your statements.

DATE: ___/___/___

NAME: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

DATE OF BIRTH ___/___/___ CITY OF BIRTH _____

HOME ADDRESS

STREET _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

MOBILE TELEPHONE (____) _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS

BUSINESS NAME _____ TITLE/POSITION _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (____) _____ EMAIL _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____ YOUR name for name tag _____

Is your current intention to make this community your permanent home?

EDUCATION

Name & Place	From-To	Major	Degree
High School			
College			
Business/Trade School			
Other			

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Please respond to the following:

List organizations that you have been a member, in order of their value to you, during the past five years.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Special Honors or Awards for Leadership Activities, Academic Performance or other areas; and any professional designations (CPA, etc.).

CIVIC, RELIGIOUS, SOCIAL, ATHLETIC & OTHER ACTIVITIES

PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS

Organization	Dates	Position Held/Your Contribution

3. If there have been major barriers to your community involvement, what conditions have changed that now enables you to seek involvement in the community?

4. What do you hope to gain from your involvement in LEADERSHIP WACO?

5. What other things should the selection committee know about you in order to make an informed decision about your application for the LEADERSHIP WACO program?

INSTRUCTIONS/AGREEMENT

Submit one (1) letter, from a community leader, with reference to your leadership skills and abilities.

Please attach a PHOTOGRAPH that will be used for publication if selected; but it is NOT used in the selection process.

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The information submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand all aforementioned commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.

Applicant's Signature _____

This application has the approval of this firm/business and the applicant has our full support, which includes time required for participation.

Employer's Signature _____

Firm/Business Name _____

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 25.

LEADERSHIP WACO
Selection Committee
Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce
P. O. Box 1220
Waco, TX 76703-1220

LEADERSHIP WACO
SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM

A limited number of partial scholarships are available for those who otherwise would be unable to participate in Leadership Waco.

Complete this form and return with your application.

NAME _____

FIRM _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF YOUR NEED:
