



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 2020-2021 class of **Leadership Waco**. Completion of the enclosed application is an important part of the selection process. Each application will be reviewed by an anonymous selection committee. Final approval of the Leadership Waco class will be given by the Chambers Executive 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, secure budget reduction items and raise awareness of the Chamber throughout the region. Leadership Waco participants will be encouraged to create a team, set a fundraising 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. 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 the extended deadline: Monday, June 15**. 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 CLASS XXXVII

APPLICATION

A Program of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce

CONTACT US

The Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please complete and submit this entire application form. The program requirements are listed below. Please initial each item to acknowledge the application and program requirements and sign below.

Your file will be considered complete when all of the items in the application checklist below are received at the Chamber office.

___ Any portion of the application received after the deadline will be considered incomplete and will not be presented to the selection committee.

___ Completed application form (typed)

___ One letter of recommendation

___ Headshot or quality photograph that can be used for marketing purposes but will not be used in the selection process

___ Please do not submit any additional letters of recommendation or supplemental application materials other than those specifically requested in the application checklist.

___ Program tuition is \$1,225 and helps cover the cost of the program. Including meals, materials, transportation and any other related expenses. The \$25 is a non-refundable application fee that should accompany the application at the time of submittal. The applicant must pay \$100 of the remaining \$1,200; the balance may be paid by the participant, an employer or a sponsor

___ Tuition is not due until you have been notified of your selection into the class, at which point full tuition will be due by the retreat in August.

___ Orientation is a mandatory full-day retreat in August 2019. (Tentative date is Tuesday, August 18th)

___ Participants are expected to attend each of the ten sessions (August-May). All sessions are from 8:00am to 5:00pm and typically take place on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (Dec. and May are 2nd Tuesday) (breakfast and lunch included).

___ A maximum of only 2 absences are allowed per year. Leaving early (more than 2 hours) and arriving late will (more than 2 hours) count as an absence.

___ Participants are expected to arrive on time and stay for the entire day.

___ Participants are expected to silence cell phones during the session and wait to conduct their business during breaks, on the bus or at lunch when there is no scheduled programming.

___ Handheld devices and tablets may only be used for taking notes during the sessions.

___ Complete all outside assignments, including but not limited to the following:

- Attendance at a minimum of one City Council, School Board or County Commissioners meeting
- Attendance at a minimum of one local cultural event (theater, symphony, art exhibit, etc.)
- Participation in the group project (date and time and organization to be determined by the class)
- Participation in the Chambers Total Resource Campaign (TRC).

___ Agree to represent the community, your business and the chamber in a professional manner at all times.

We strongly recommend that you keep a copy of your application and all submitted materials.

The information submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand all afore mentioned commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.

Applicants Signature _____

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

Employer's Name _____

Employers Signature _____

Employers Title _____

Firm/Business Name _____

Application

The following information will be the only criteria used for your selection in the Leadership Waco class. All applications must be typed. Handwritten applications will not be considered. 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/PARTNERS NAME _____

YOUR name as you'd like it to appear on your name tag _____

Have you previously applied for Leadership Waco? Yes _____ No _____ If Yes, what year _____

How long have you lived in Waco? _____

Is your current intention to make this community your permanent home? Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever been in trouble with the law? (if so, please explain) _____

EDUCATION

| High School | From-To | | City/State | |
|-----------------------|---------|-------|------------|--------|
| College/University | From-To | Major | City/State | Degree |
| Business/Trade School | From-To | Major | City/State | Degree |

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Please respond to the following:

List any organizations, task forces, boards or commissions that you have been a member of during the past five years. (If you moved to Waco recently, please list activities you were involved with in your previous community and list the community.)

Business & Professional

| Organization | Dates | Position Held/Your Contribution |
|--------------|-------|---------------------------------|
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List key community, civic, non-profit, religious boards in which you have been an active participant and give the approximate number of hours you volunteer with each organization per month. (If you moved to Waco recently, please list activities you were involved with in your previous community and list the community.)

Civic, Non-Profit, Religious, Social, Athletic & Other Activities

| Organization | Hours per Month/Year | Position Held/Your Contribution |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
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List any special Honors or Awards for Leadership Activities, Academic Performance or other areas; and any professional designations (CPA, etc.)

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

Length of service: _____

Describe your position and responsibilities at your current employer.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

| Employer/City | Title | To-From | Reason for Leaving |
|---------------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| 1. _____ | | | |
| 2. _____ | | | |
| 3. _____ | | | |

1. Discuss a goal that you have set and how you achieved that goal.

2. Discuss what you believe to be one of (a.) Waco's greatest assets and (b.) the most pressing issue facing Waco. Give any recommendations for approaching and/or addressing these issues. (Use additional paper if needed.)

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?

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JUNE 15.

LEADERSHIP WACO
Selection Committee
Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce
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Waco, TX 76703-1220