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LEADERSHIP
CLEVELAND COUNTY

36 Years of Cultivating Leaders for Cleveland County!!

Enhance Leadership Skills

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Learn an In-depth Understanding of Cleveland County Dynamics

Increase Community Engagement and Civic Responsibility

Heighten Awareness of County Opportunities

Personal Growth and Development

NEW! Continuing Education Certification

Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Cleveland County is your ticket to a 10-month journey filled with more leadership training than any other class, epic networking opportunities, and all the skills you need to crush it in any leadership role! This program is the ultimate game-changer, shaping the future of our region by empowering group of professionals ready to make a difference! Don't miss out on this chance to level up and leave your mark!

Apply Now!

email Kathryn@clevelandcountychamber.org

Due
June 16th



Upper Cleveland Day



Graduating Class of 2023

LEADERSHIP CLEVELAND COUNTY



APPLICATION

BENEFITS!

- Enhance Leadership Skills
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PROGRAM

For the past 36 years, the Chamber of Commerce's Leadership program has been dedicated to cultivating the leaders of tomorrow. Through comprehensive training and development initiatives, it empowers individuals to acquire the necessary skills, knowledge, and networks to thrive in leadership roles. This program has consistently played a crucial role in shaping the region's future by nurturing a diverse and capable cadre of professionals poised to make a positive impact.

REQUIREMENTS

Attend each of 10 class sessions.*

Attend 3 different "Out of Class" assignments of public body meetings: city council, county commission, or school board, or a police ride along. There is also an option for a well pitched Wild Card!

Participate in class community project.

*Missing more than two of the required sessions may result in removal from the program, or delayed graduation. Students have the option of returning the following program year to fulfill their requirements for graduation at no additional cost. Those making up missed sessions will graduate at the end of the program in that subsequent year.



SELECTION PROCESS

Class members will be selected on the basis of employment, professional experience, community involvement, geographic representation, job sector, and diversity.

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Personal Commitment to Leadership Cleveland County

I have reviewed and understand the Leadership Cleveland County program requirements and expectations, including attendance, and participation.

I understand that, if selected, I am obligated to pay my full tuition before the commencement of the first class August, 2026.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Authorizing Official

Employers: This section must be completed and signed by applicants direct supervisor at the firm where he or she is employed. Self-employed applicants may sign this section for themselves.

This candidate has my full support to participate in Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Cleveland County. I am aware of the time commitment involved and of the financial obligation.

Print Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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Please submit your completed application **before 5:00 PM on June 16th, 2026**
Email to: Kathryn@clevelandchamber.org

Questions? Please contact
Kathryn@clevelandcountychamber.org or call 704-487-8521

REQUIREMENTS

Please fill out the application thoroughly.

Answer one essay question.

Submit all requested permissions at the time of submitting the application.

APPLICATION

Application are due by June 16.

INITIAL REVIEW

Members of the Leadership Cleveland County Program Committee will review applications and select applicants by July 1.

NOTIFICATION

All applicants will be notified before July 10

TUITION

Each applicant selected for the class will be responsible for paying tuition by August 1, 2026.

Chamber members \$975 Non-members \$1175

Contact your supervisor to learn if your company offers paid tuition.

INCLUDED IN TUITION

Tuition covers monthly classroom supplies, book, food, framed certificate, gift, and graduation party for graduates and a plus one!

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you have a need of assistance through a scholarship, please reach out to the Chamber for the status of scholarships available as they vary year to year: email Kathryn@ClevelandCountyChamber.org



Application Part 1: Essay question

On a separate page, please answer one of the following essay questions:
(not to exceed 250 words)

- A. What are the three most significant problems facing Cleveland County?
- B. What do you hope to gain from your participation in Leadership Cleveland County?
- C. What unique qualifications can you offer as a potential leader and candidate for selection as a Leadership Cleveland County student?



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Application Part 2: Contact Information

Name	Date
Preferred name (First name or nickname)	
Home Address	
Cellphone	Date of Birth
E-mail address	
Is anyone sponsoring you to attend Leadership Cleveland County?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please provide sponsor's name and address	

EMPLOYMENT DATA

Employer
Position Title
Office Address
Office Phone

Application Part 3: Community Involvement

In order of importance to you, list at least two (2) community organizations (civic, business, religious, social, community, arts, athletics, etc.) in which you demonstrate an active leadership role beyond your employment affiliations and activities.

A. Organization

Contact	Dates of Activity
Phone #	
Role, responsibilities and accomplishments:	

B. Organization

Contact	Dates of Activity
Contact:	
Phone #	
Role, responsibilities and accomplishments:	

I am applying for a scholarship. My scholarship request form is attached.