

# Application for Participation



## LEADERSHIP

## H A R L I N G E N

*Training the Community's Business Leaders*

The Leadership Harlingen Steering Committee is currently accepting applications for Class XXXIII.

*Mission Statement:*

*"Leadership Harlingen is a program through the Harlingen Chamber of Commerce to identify, develop, and engage a network of leaders in the community to further expand the network of individuals who are better prepared to address the challenges of our city and region, as well as, advocate for the interests of our varying stakeholders."*



Please review this application carefully and return completed form to the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce by Friday, August 1, 2018. For more information, please call Emily Gonzales (956)423-5440 or email [egonzales@harlingen.com](mailto:egonzales@harlingen.com).

# Benefits | Overview | Sessions

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## *Benefits*

### For Businesses

- Provides employees with increased organizational, leadership and problem-solving skills
- Exposes employees to new insights into the community
- Provides new access to networks of community leaders and different resources

### For Individuals

- Provides in-depth education about Harlingen's history, government, economy, social issues, quality of life, education, needs and opportunities
- Introduces and encourages dialogue with other emerging leaders in the program as well as current influential community leaders
- Provides experience in the concepts of community trusteeship and servant leadership
- Provides the guidance and support for active participation in activities which contribute to the growth and betterment of the community
- Prepares candidates for high-level leadership roles, professional and personal growth

## *Overview*

### Monthly Program Sessions (September-May)

An orientation reception will be held at the end of August to serve as the kick-off for the program experience, followed by the Reality-Oriented Physical Experience Session (ROPES) course to be held on a Saturday. The first full-day session will be held in September, with each following session being held on the second Thursday of each month from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All dates are subject to change and times as approximate. The exception will be an overnight trip to Austin for the state government session held in the spring.

### Class Project

The Leadership Harlingen class will organize a community service project in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity of the RGV as their class project.

### City Meeting and Non-Profit Meeting

During the nine-month course, participants will be required to attend one city meeting or non-profit organization board meeting. Participants are required to bring a copy of the dated agenda from the meeting they attend.

## *Program Sessions*

- Orientation Session | **Mandatory attendance** | Late August Evening
- ROPES | **Mandatory attendance** | Early September Saturday
- Law Enforcement
- Social Services
- Education, Communication & Arts
- Harlingen Area Industries
- Local City Government
- Agriculture
- Medical Services
- State Government & Graduation Banquet | Overnight trip to Austin

# Tuition | Commitment | Approval

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## *Tuition*

Tuition for 2018-2019 is **\$650** for active members of the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce, and **\$850** for non-members, which includes all program materials, snacks/meals, transportation\* and accommodations. The actual cost of the program is approximately **\$900** per persons; however, tuition is kept to a minimum with the help of contributions made to the educational programs through Chamber membership. Tuition is non-refundable after completion of the initial session in September, but it can be transferred to another employee if done so prior to the September session. Scholarships may be available. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please attach a brief statement of request and any considerations for the committee's review with your application. \* Participants will be asked to volunteer as drivers at the beginning of the program to chauffeur other members to session locations. Mileage will be reimbursed by the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce.

## *Commitment by Applicant*

If selected as a participant in Leadership Harlingen, I understand attendance and punctuality is required for regular monthly meeting on the second Thursday of each month, an overnight trip, program-related events outside the regular class days and attendance is mandatory for Orientation and ROPES. I will make every effort to attend all of the functions sponsored by the program. I understand if I fail to meet any part of any obligation of participation, I will not be invited to graduate from the program during this particular program year. I hereby certify the information provided above is complete and correct. I understand any false information disqualifies me from participating in the Leadership Harlingen program. I understand that my submission of this application does not guarantee my acceptance into the program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Commitment by Employer*

Selected applicants from the Leadership Harlingen program must have support and commitment of their business or organization. The signature of the President/CEO of the applicant's organization (locally) is necessary as an indication of the support of the applicant's participation in the program. By signing below, you, as the applicant's employer agree to allow time away from work to fully complete the program, as outlined in this application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## HARLINGEN Participation

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### 1. Personal Data

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Harlingen: \_\_\_\_\_ How did you hear about Leadership Harlingen? \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Education

Begin with your most recent degrees and/or specialized training and list in reverse chronological order:

Name and location of school	Dates (from/to)	Degree Major
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

### 3. Employment

a. Check those that best describe the area in which you presently work/serve:

Community Volunteer       Community/Non-Profit       Large Business       Small Business

Professional       Education       Government       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Years with Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject to transfer?:  Yes  No How often?: \_\_\_\_\_

If selected for this program, do you foresee any reason why you would be unable to complete the full course?

Yes  No If not, why?: \_\_\_\_\_

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b. List your previous position held with your current employer and/or other employment in reverse chronological order:

Employer and City	Dates (from/to)	Responsibility
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

c. Your Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Since (Date): \_\_\_\_\_

d. Briefly describe the responsibilities in your employment:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

e. What do you consider your most important professional achievement to date?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

f. List up to three business/professional affiliations and describe any of your roles/accomplishments (not including civic organizations, public office or political activities):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

g. What are your professional business goals for the next five years?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Community Involvement

a. What do you consider your major community service role to date?

Organization/Project	Dates (from/to)	Role/Accomplishment
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

b. Describe up to three other significant community involvement and any leadership roles you have assumed. (Include community, civic, religious, political, government, social, athletic, or other activities. Do not include business/professional activities)

Organization Role	Dates (from/to)	Accomplishment
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

c. Over the past year, approximately how much time each month did you devote to community, civic, professional and other Organizations and activities? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been as active in these activities as you would like to be?  Yes  No

If not, what conditions have changed that now enable you to seek community involvement?

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\_\_\_\_\_

d. Have you previously participated in a Leadership program?  Yes  No

If yes, where and what year?

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e. Check two of the following categories which best describe your current area of leadership activity or interest?

- Chamber of Commerce
- Economic Development: Tourism, Downtown Development
- Education/Literacy
- Environment: Conservation

- Government: Local, State, Federal, Regional
- Politics: Local, State, Federal, Assist in a campaign
- Quality of Life: Art, Sports, Entertainment, Music
- Social Issues: Aging, Alcohol, Handicapped, Drug Abuse, Mental Health, Diversity

**5. General Information**

a. What are your goals in the future relative to leadership roles in our community? What do you hope to gain from Leadership Harlingen experience that will assist you in reaching your goals?

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b. What do you believe to be the most important issue facing Harlingen today? Explain why and suggest any recommendations for approaching and resolving this issue.

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c. Additional information or comments:

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**6. References & Recommendations**

Attach two letters of recommendation with this application from persons who are knowledgeable about your leadership performance and potential and who may be contacted regarding your qualifications as a participant.