



Leadership Washington County

Thank you for your interest in the Leadership Washington County program. The Washington County Chamber of Commerce and local employers invest in LWC to ensure that there continue to be prepared leaders for our community. By recognizing the need for educated leaders, we are all committed to the future...which starts now! Please take time to seriously consider your participation in the class. It does require a commitment, but the time spent during the program will be a benefit to you and to our community. You will find full details about the program in this application. If you would like any further information, please contact the Chamber at (979) 836-3695 or info@BrenhamTexas.com, or visit www.BrenhamTexas.com.

Leadership Washington County is a prestigious program committed to educating, training and motivating existing and emerging local leaders to build more effective skills for the future benefit of Washington County.

Program Goals:

- ◆ To educate, train and provide experiences that enhance leadership skills.
- ◆ To provide opportunities for participants to develop lasting relationships among community leaders.
- ◆ To provide greater awareness of community issues and opportunities to serve locally.
- ◆ To provide greater access to community resources and networking.
- ◆ To motivate participants to help make a difference in our community by becoming actively involved.

The 2018-19 LWC program begins in August with a brief orientation meeting. Day-long sessions will be held monthly from August 2018–May 2019 as shown on the attached calendar.

The selection process involves approximately 25 participants chosen from an outstanding pool of rising leaders who apply for the program, representing the diversity of our area. Multiple participants from the same organization may apply, but it is one of the factors considered in the selection process to include as many organizations as possible.

Policies:

- ◆ LWC is designed to be an in-depth experience and requires attendance at each session for you to receive the full impact. The orientation is extremely important and the first two sessions are mandatory. Recognizing that conflicts may arise, a maximum of two absences from other sessions is permissible. More than two days of absence from other sessions will result in self-termination from the program, with the tuition being non-refundable.
- ◆ Each participant should be a Chamber member, or representative of a member organization, and have the support and approval from his/her employer to participate in all sessions.
- ◆ Investment for the ten-month program is \$750 (\$650 with membership tier discount) which can be paid by the individual or the employer. This fee covers all program expenses including materials, hand-outs, a custom shirt, logo portfolio, and any special travel arrangements that may be required.
- ◆ Each participant should be motivated to play an active and energetic role in each session.

As a rising leader, you will:

- ◆ Learn more about the key issues, challenges and opportunities in our community and region.
- ◆ Develop relationships with other influential leaders and civic officials in Washington County.
- ◆ Discover how to make a difference in the future of this community.
- ◆ Develop and enhance your leadership skills.

Applications for the program are being accepted now through July 13, 2018. Return the attached form by mail, email or in person to the Chamber office (no faxes, please). Participants will be selected confidentially by an anonymous selection committee and will be notified of their acceptance by July 31, 2018. Tuition will be due prior to the August Leadership Communication session.

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2018-2019 Calendar

This schedule is subject to change during the year. Ample notice will be provided in advance of any change. As of May 1, 2018

Orientation Meeting	Thursday, August 2, 2018	4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Leadership Communication	Tuesday, August 28, 2018	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Team Building Retreat	Thursday, September 27, 2018	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Law Enforcement	Tuesday, October 23, 2018	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
History	Tuesday, November 13, 2018	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Health Care	Tuesday, December 4, 2018	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Emergency Management	Thursday, January 10, 2019	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
State Government	Wednesday, January 23, 2019	7:45 am – 5pm
Education	Thursday, February 7, 2019	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
<i>Washington County Day at the Capitol (optional)</i>	<i>Tuesday, February 26, 2019</i>	<i>7:45 am – 5pm</i>
Agriculture/Agri-Business	Thursday, March 21, 2019	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Local Govt./Civic Day	Thursday, April 11, 2019	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Economic Development	Tuesday, May 7, 2019	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Graduation Banquet	Thursday, May 30, 2019	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES List community activities you are currently involved in.
(Civic, religious, social, athletic, etc. You may print on a separate sheet, if desired.)

DOES YOUR EMPLOYER SUPPORT your participation in this program at this time? Yes No

Please answer the following questions on a *separate sheet* and submit along with this completed application.

- 1) What do you hope to gain from your involvement in Leadership Washington County?
- 2) What would you like to contribute to our community as a leader?

Optional: If you would like to be considered for a partial scholarship, explain the reason (see pg. 1).

List two references from this community whom the selection committee may contact for additional information about your leadership skills and aptitude:

Name _____	Name _____
Title _____	Title _____
Daytime Phone _____	Daytime Phone _____
Email _____	Email _____

Please read carefully and sign below:

By my signature here, I affirm that the above personal information is true and accurate and that I understand and acknowledge the following: the Leadership program tuition fee is due in August; I have approval and support from my employer to participate on all LWC session dates; I commit to attending and actively participating in each session; the first two sessions are mandatory; and, more than two days of absence from other sessions may result in self-termination from the program with the tuition fee being non-refundable.

Signature

Date