

LEADERSHIP JONESBORO

JONESBORO REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Overview

For 37 years, Leadership Jonesboro has been dedicated to identifying, educating, and inspiring future leaders in our region while providing exceptional professional development opportunities.

The Jonesboro Region is one of Arkansas's key areas of growth, experiencing increases in both population and economic activity. This growth brings new challenges that require innovative solutions and the active engagement of informed, committed citizens. Leadership Jonesboro provides educational experiences in a dynamic environment, equipping participants with both modern and time-tested tools to tackle the opportunities of today and shape the future.

What to Expect

The program begins in January with an orientation and class/alumni reception. This session is required for participants and will be held at the Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce. Other mandatory sessions include an overnight class retreat in Heber Springs, an overnight session in Little Rock, and one social/networking event. Most other sessions are held on Thursday's each month and the length of each is determined by the session topic. A DISC profile, all training materials, all overnight lodging, most transportation, and snacks/meals are included in the \$1,750 tuition. A total of four (4) absences are allowed or the duration of the program.

Session topics include city, county, and state government, public education, infrastructure, quality of life, healthcare, social issues, A-State, industrial development and the economy, the justice system, and diversity/inclusion. In addition, each session will offer time to discuss traditional leadership practices with a subject matter expert in multiple development areas.

To Apply

Anyone who currently works for a chamber member may apply. Applicants must have been at their position, or with their company, for at least one year. To apply, this official application form must be used. The selection committee will seat up to 30 individuals to participate in this class. Only one (1) person per company will be selected, unless space remains after initial selections are made. The applicant must not be a candidate for public office at the time of application. A completed packet should contain an application, a professional head shot or photo, a letter of recommendation from your supervisor and/or team lead, and be submitted electronically to cslater@jonesborochamber.com before 5:00 PM on December 16.

CLASS OF 2025 APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

Name _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Business/Firm _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Your Title (as you want it published/broadcast) _____

Your Name (the one you prefer for name tag) _____

Spouse's Name _____

Children's Names _____

Education (high school, college, trade, etc.) degrees obtained

EMPLOYMENT

Length of Service with present business/organization _____

What do you do in your job? _____

What do you consider your highest responsibility, skill or career achievement so far?

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

List community, civic, professional, religious, social, athletic and other organizations of which you have been a member, in order of their value to you, during the past three years.

Organizations

Date

Position Held/Your Contribution

Describe your personality in three sentences or less and name one 'unusual' or 'fun' fact about yourself.

In your judgement, what are three of the greatest challenges facing the region today? (Use additional paper if necessary.)

A.

B.

C.

Are you a registered voter in Craighead County? _____

Name one other thing you want the selection committee to know about you and why you should be chosen for the 2025 Leadership Jonesboro program?

Name two persons in this community the selection committee could contact for additional information about you.

Name _____

Title _____

Business _____

Telephone _____

Name _____

Title _____

Business _____

Telephone _____

COMMITMENT STATEMENT OF APPLICANT

- I wish to participate in Leadership Jonesboro Class of 2025.
- I have my company/organization management's support for participation.
- If selected, I will have the \$1,750.00 tuition paid to the Chamber of Commerce office by January 31, 2025.
- I understand that I must not be an announced candidate for public office at the time of my acceptance to the program.
- I understand that all participants in the Leadership Jonesboro program are expected to attend all scheduled meetings of the program and be there for the entire session. More than four absences for any reason shall be considered adequate cause to be dropped from the Leadership Jonesboro program. Attendance requirements of participants are strictly enforced. No refund shall be made after the class convenes.
- I understand the Leadership Retreat and the State Legislative session are required with no exceptions.

I have read and understand the above Commitment Statement and will comply if selected for the program. The information submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date _____

Signed _____

The Leadership Jonesboro Selection Committee will weigh the applicants and select participants for the 2025 class. Participants are selected on a comparative qualification assessment from the full complement of applications made for that year. The intent of the selection process is to put together the best qualified group of candidates representing a cross-section of interests within the community. You must be employed by your current employer for at least one year.

There are two scholarships for applicants applying from non-profits. The Leadership Link and The Betty T. Sloan scholarships are available for those that need financial support to participate in the program. If you need such a scholarship to participate in the program, please state in a letter addressed to Leadership Link Board of Directors and attach to this application.

A professional head shot or photo, along with a letter of reference should accompany this application. A full packet should be emailed to cslater@jonesborochamber.com. This will help the selection committee identify applicants and put names and faces together. Applications submitted without the required supporting documentation will not be considered for admission into Leadership Jonesboro.

Deadline for applications: December 16, 2024 before 5:00 PM, with no exceptions.