

LEADERSHIP JONESBORO

JONESBORO REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Overview

For 39 years, Leadership Jonesboro has identified, educated, and motivated potential leaders for the future of our region and offered professional development.

The Jonesboro Region is one of the major growth areas of Arkansas. New growth - both in terms of population and the economy - mean new challenges. New solutions to these challenges demand the involvement of informed and caring citizens. Leadership Jonesboro will offer informative learning opportunities in an atmosphere that stimulates participants to use both new and proven tools to meet the opportunities of today and tomorrow

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 two Thursday's each month and the length of each is determined by the session topic. A DISC profile, all training materials, out of town transportation, all overnight lodging, and snacks/drinks/meals are included in the \$1,750 tuition. A total of four (4) absences are allowed or the duration of the program, excluding the mandatory sessions.

Session topics include city, county and state government, education, transportation, quality of life, healthcare, social issues, Arkansas State University, economy development, manufacturing, and the justice system. In addition, each session will offer time to discuss traditional leadership practices with a subject matter expert in multiple development areas.

Anyone who is, or is employed by, a chamber member may apply. However, this official LEADERSHIP JONESBORO application form must be used. The selection committee, will seat up to 30 individuals to participate in this class. The applicant must not be a candidate for public office at the time of application. A completed application packet should contain an application, a professional head shot or photo, a letter of recommendation from your supervisor or team leaders, and a scholarship letter (if applicable) submitted electronically to cslater@jonesborochamber.com.

CLASS OF 2026 APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

Name _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Business/Entity _____

Cell # _____

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?

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 2026 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 2026.
- 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, 2026.
- 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 is required with no exceptions.
- I am willing to make the time commitment and miss no more than 4 sessions.

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 2026 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, The Betty T. Sloan and The Community Foundation, both available for those in the non-profit sector that need additional 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 both the Community Foundation and the Betty T. Sloan Foundation Boards of Directors and attach to this application.

A PROFESSIONAL PHOTO MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION. This will help the selection committee identify applicants and put names and faces together. Applications submitted without the required photograph will not be considered for admission into Leadership Jonesboro. Please email your completed application packet, in its entirety, to cslater@jonesborochamber.com.

Deadline for applications: December 26, at 4:00 pm with no exceptions.



LEADERSHIP JONESBORO CLASS OF 2026 SCHEDULE

-Tentative- Subject to Change before January

*January 22	Orientation and Welcome Reception Jonesboro Country Club	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
February 5	County Government	8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
February 26	City Government	8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
*March 11-13	Retreat at the Red Apple Inn Heber Springs, AR	Overnight (12PM Arrival)
April 2	Public Schools	8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
April 16	A-State / NYIT	8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
April 30	Quality of Place in NEA	8:30 – 4:00 PM
May 14-15	*State Government Little Rock, AR	Overnight
June 4	Quality of Life / Agriculture	8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
June 25	St. Bernards Medical Center	8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
July 16	NEA Baptist	8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
July 30	Economic Development/ Manufacturing	8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
*August 7	*Graduation/ Team Presentations	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

*Mandatory Session

Business Professional Attire

All other sessions will be business casual