



THE PURPOSE

For 37 years, Leadership Jonesboro has identified, educated, and motivated potential leaders for the future of our region and offered professional development.

THE CHALLENGE

The Jonesboro Region is one of the major growth areas of Arkansas. New growth - both in terms of population and the economy - means 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.

TIME COMMITMENT

The program begins in January. Sessions will be held at various locations suitable for the theme of the session topic. Sessions are held on two Fridays each month and the length of each is determined by the session topic. A DISC profile, training materials and all meals are included in the \$1700 tuition. **No more than 4 absences are allowed.**

Session topics include city, county and state government, education, transportation, quality of life, healthcare, social issues, A-State, industrial development, the economy, justice system and diversity and inclusion.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Anyone who works for a chamber member may apply. However, this official Leadership Jonesboro application form must be used. A selection committee, invites up to 25 individuals to participate. Only one person per company will be selected. The applicant must not be a candidate for public office at the time of application. Applications are due December 8, 2023, with one letter of reference and a professional photo submitted electronically to cslater@jonesborochamber.com.

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
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_____	_____	_____
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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 2024 Leadership Jonesboro program?

Name two people 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 2024.
- I have my company/organization management's support for participation.
- I've included one letter of reference and a professional photo with my application.
- If selected, I will have the \$1700.00 tuition paid to the Chamber of Commerce office by January 31, 2024.
- 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 2024 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.

One scholarship, the Betty T. Sloan Scholarship, is available for non-profits that need financial support to participate in the program. If you are interested in a scholarship to participate in the program, please state in a letter addressed to the Betty T. Sloan Foundation and attach to this application.

A professional photo must accompany this application, email to cslater@jonesborochamber.com. 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.

Deadline for applications: December 8, 2023, at 4:00 pm with no exceptions.