



# LEADERSHIP

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## CLEVELAND COUNTY

# APPLICATION

### BENEFITS!

Network development

Cultivate friendships

Participation in community leadership

Leadership Cleveland County's annual program identifies and trains future leaders to use their skills and energy in community service to benefit Cleveland County.

#### THE PROGRAM OFFERS

An introductory team-building retreat

Ten full class days, on the first Thursday of each month, addressing themes important to the future of Cleveland County.

Travel throughout the county to visit a number of businesses and facilities.

Access to as many as 60 county leaders who participate as speakers and presenters during the program.



### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Attendance is mandatory all subsequent program days and graduation.

A typical program day begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at 5:00 p.m. It is expected that all class participants will attend all class-related activities. Class members must make every effort to ensure their availability for all Leadership Cleveland County activities prior to making the commitment to joining the class.

In addition to the monthly sessions, class members are required to attend three (3) public body meetings (city council, county commission, school board) during the course of the year and participate in a class project.



Missing more than two (2) of the required events or sessions may result in removal from the program, or delayed graduation.

Students have the option of returning the following program year to fulfill their requirements for graduation at no additional cost. Those making up missed sessions will graduate at the end of the program in that subsequent year.

### APPLICATION GOALS

Class members will be selected on the basis of employment/professional experience, community involvement, geographic representation, job sector, and diversity.

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## LEADERSHIP CLEVELAND COUNTY | Essay questions

On a separate page, please answer one of the following essay questions:  
(not exceeding 250 words in length.)

- A. What are the three most significant problems facing Cleveland County?
- B. What do you hope to gain from your participation in Leadership Cleveland County?
- C: What unique qualifications can you offer as a potential leader and candidate for selection as a Leadership Cleveland County student?

## APPLICANT

I have reviewed and understand the Leadership Cleveland County program requirements provided with this application packet. If selected, I agree to the terms and conditions as stated. I understand that, if selected, I am obligated to pay my full tuition before or on the opening retreat August, 2023. I have reviewed the program schedule and the attendance policy, and commit to attending all programs and sessions, as scheduled. I understand the penalties for non-attendance.

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

## Authorizing Official

If the applicant is employed, this section must be completed and signed by his or her direct supervisor at the firm where he or she is employed. Only self-employed or unemployed applicants may sign this section for themselves.

This candidate has my full support to participate in Leadership Cleveland County. I am aware of the time commitment involved and of the financial obligation.

Name	Title	
Organization	Signature	Date

Optional employer comments



You must deliver your completed application by one of the following means:

**Before 5:00 PM on June 15th, 2023**

1. Email to: [christine@clevelandchamber.org](mailto:christine@clevelandchamber.org)
2. Mail to Leadership Cleveland County, 200 S. Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28150

# APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS



## APPLICATION

The completed application may be submitted by email to Christine, Christine@ClevelandChamber.org, or by dropping off at the Chamber office, 200 S Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28150.

*Please submit applications by the deadline of June 15, 2023.*

## INITIAL REVIEW

Members of the Leadership Cleveland County Program Committee will review applications and select applicants by July 25.

## NOTIFICATION

Applicants will be notified before July 25 as to whether or not they have been selected.

## REQUIREMENTS

Please fill out the application thoroughly

Answer one essay question

Submit all requested permissions at the time of submitting the application

## TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Each applicant selected for the class will be responsible for paying tuition by August 1, 2023.

Chamber members \$975 Non-members \$1175

Contact your supervisor to learn if your company offers paid tuition for this long standing Cleveland County Chamber program!



Scholarships will be announced with class membership selections.

Most companies will pay employees' tuition for Leadership Cleveland County. Contact your supervisor to learn your company's policy.



Leadership Cleveland County Committee recommends industries, businesses, clubs and organizations submit one application. Contact the Chamber for unique exceptions. Remove the second and last sentence.

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Application Deadline is June 15, 2023.

Please review the information & directions document.

\$975 for Chamber Members  
\$1175 for non-members.

Name	Date
Preferred name (First name or nickname)	
Home Address	
Cellphone	Date of Birth
E-mail address	
Is anyone sponsoring you to attend Leadership Cleveland County?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please provide sponsor's name and address	

### EMPLOYMENT DATA

Employer
Position Title
Office Address
Office Phone

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

In order of importance to you, list at least two (2) community organizations (civic, business, religious, social, community, arts, athletics, etc.) in which you demonstrate an active leadership role beyond your employment affiliations and activities.

A. Organization

Contact	Dates of Activity
Phone #	
Role, responsibilities and accomplishments:	

B. Organization

Contact	Dates of Activity
Contact:	
Phone #	
Role, responsibilities and accomplishments:	

I am applying for a scholarship. My scholarship request form is attached.