

LEADERSHIP DEKALB

Leadership DeKalb is an adult leadership enhancement program. This program is for individuals who are or show the desire for the role of community leaders. Participants will

- Study the county in-depth,
- Strengthen leadership skills, and
- Build a network of fellow leaders through **Leadership DeKalb** classmates, alumni, presenters, and current leaders in business, services and our community.

Leadership DeKalb shapes our county's future with knowledgeable, effective, and active leaders.

Now recruiting for

Leadership DeKalb Class of 2024

Starting September 18, 2023

Application deadline - August 1, 2023

Selection into Leadership DeKalb

The program seeks approximately 12 participants who live and/or work in DeKalb County. A written application is required which includes contact information, current and past involvement in your community, and a demonstration of current or future leadership potential. Overall diversity among the class members – including occupation, age, heritage, gender, education, and geographic representation – plays a significant role in the selection process.

Tuition is \$205 and is used to supplement costs for meals, accommodations, transportation, and materials throughout the program. Employers and organizations often sponsor a participant employee or member in part or in full. Self-employed, retired, and candidates without employer support are encouraged to seek tuition scholarships. See applications for more details.

Participants must be committed to attending all sessions, and a maximum of only 10 excused hours may be missed throughout the year to successfully complete the program.

For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 615-597-4163 or LD Director, Leigh Fuson, 931-212-7394 or leaddekalb1@gmail.com

<u>Tentative Meeting Days</u> <i>Sessions run approximately 8:00- 5:00 p.m. Unless otherwise noted</i>	<u>Topics</u>
Monday, September 18, 2023	Goals/Leadership Styles *full attendance required*
Wednesday, October 11, 2023	Teambuilding/Local Government
Thursday, November 16, 2023 <i>DeKalb Co. Prayer Breakfast 7am</i>	Being a Healthy Change Agent/County Resources
Wednesday, December 6, 2023	Community Heroes/Justice System
Monday, January 8, 2024	Community & Communications
Wednesday, February 21, 2024	Motivating Others/Education
Mon-Tue, March 18-19, 2024 <i>2 p.m. Mon - 5 p.m. Tues (overnight)</i>	Advocacy/State Government
Wednesday, April 17, 2024	Economic Development/Agriculture
Monday, May 6, 2024	Implementing Your Passion/Center Hill Lake
Monday, June 17, 2024 <i>Evening Event</i>	Graduation

Leadership DeKalb

Class of 2024 Application

Please type or print, complete both sides, and use only the space provided for your answers. You may include one optional letter of support. For questions, please call the chamber office at 615-597-4163 or Leigh Fuson at 931-212-7394. Your application must be received by **August 1, 2023** at the chamber office in the County Complex or:

Mail: *Leadership DeKalb PO Box 64 Smithville, TN 37166* **Email:** leaddekalb1@gmail.com

Or visit the Leadership DeKalb on the chamber website at <http://www.dekalbtn.org/leadership-dekalb/>

1. Personal Information

<i>Last name</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>Preferred name</i>
<i>Home address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Zip</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
<i>Home email</i>	<i>Cell phone</i>		<i>Text? Yes or No</i>
<i>Employer (if applicable)</i>	<i>position or title</i>		
<i>Work address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Zip</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
<i>Work fax</i>	<i>Work email</i>		
I prefer to receive LD information by (please mark x to any or preference 1-2-3) <input type="checkbox"/> Text <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook <input type="checkbox"/> home email <input type="checkbox"/> work email			

2. Community Analysis

How long have you lived or worked in DeKalb County? _____ Are you a registered and active voter? Yes No

Identify 3 issues, challenges or concerns you feel are critical to DeKalb County. Why are these issues important to you and to DeKalb County?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. Employment (if applicable)

<i>Employer</i>	<i>Title/Responsibility</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

4. Activities and Organizations

Please list in order of importance to you up to five community, professional, political, religious, social or other organizations in which you have participated:

<i>Activity / Organization</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Responsibilities / Position</i>

5. Education

Please briefly outline your educational background (where, when & area of study since and including high school).

School & Location	Dates Attended	Degree/Major/ Area of Study

Honors, Awards, and Leadership Activities

6. Scholarship Request

Leadership DeKalb functions on a 100% volunteer basis in order to keep tuition low. The program raises funds every year to provide tuition assistance for those who find the program cost-prohibitive. If you wish to be considered for tuition assistance, please describe your circumstances.

7. Participation Agreement

I have reviewed the schedule of dates and commit to attend opening retreat, graduation, and all sessions; with a maximum of only 10 excused hours missed throughout the year. I understand that if I am selected to participate, I (and/or my employer or sponsor) agree to pay the \$205 tuition (or complete Section 7 - Scholarship Request of this application).

Signature of applicant *Date*

I have the support from my employer for the time required to participate in Leadership DeKalb. I am the only applicant from my company or place of work.

Signature of company official (if applicable) *Title* *Date*

Selection is based on candidates' current or potential involvement in the community and the demonstration of existing or future leadership contribution to DeKalb County. The overall **diversity** among the class participants - including occupation, status, age, heritage, ethnic background, gender, education and geography -- plays a significant role in the selection process.

**Thank you for your interest in Leadership DeKalb. Selection notification letters will be sent by
September 1st, 2023.**