



APPLICATION

A program of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce

Objective: Develop and grow as a leader to advance your professional objectives and to serve your community.

Description: The RISE program is a five session program that will engage leaders, strengthen critical management skills and ultimately develop a leader that is prepared to set and implement goals that will prove to be invaluable to any organization. The areas of focus are Personal Leadership, Leadership in Management, Communication Skills and Team Development. Participants will work in teams to explore each leadership objective and will ultimately be expected to provide a 100 day plan that will benefit their organization. Each session is highly interactive and will require some out of class reading. This program is designed specifically for managers or people of influence and decision making ability in their organization.

Anticipated 2018-2019 Session Dates:

* Sessions 2-5 will be held in the Board Room at West Texas Rehab Center

Session 1, Orientation	Tuesday, October 16, 2018 Wednesday, October 17, 2018 (Overnight at Big Country Baptist Assembly)	Arrive 9:30 on 16 th Depart 4:00 on 17 th
Session 2	Tuesday, December 4, 2018	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Session 3	Tuesday, January 22, 2019	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Session 4	Tuesday, March 5, 2019	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Session 5	Tuesday, April 9, 2019 Wednesday, April 10, 2019	8:00 am – 8:00 pm 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

A few things to note to be successful in the RISE program:

- You will be expected to be prompt and on time to be courteous of others' commitments.
- Please clear your schedule for the duration of the class sessions as listed above.
- Breaks will be given throughout the day to enable you to stay connected to work as needed but please do not be distracted while in session.
- If you feel you are not able to be away from work for the entirety of the sessions listed above, you may reconsider applying for this program.
- If you have any dietary needs, please let your Chamber representative know as soon as you are accepted to the program.

Tuition: \$2495. Only open to employees of Abilene Chamber of Commerce member companies or individual Chamber members.

Application Deadline: July 25, 2018. Up to 20 candidates will be approved. Applications will be reviewed and candidates selected to be in the RISE class will be notified by August 15th. If accepted to the program, a down payment of \$500 is due by September 1st. Full payment is required by October 1st. Candidates not accepted this year may reapply in future years. **Completed applications should be mailed to the ACOC at 174 Cypress St # 200, Abilene, TX 79601; Attention Erica Pangburn or by email at erica@abilenechamber.com.**

Name _____ Age _____ Male _____ Female _____
Last First MI

Date of Birth _____ Name for Nametag _____

Business name as you want it published _____

Business address _____

Business phone _____ Cell phone _____

Job title _____ E-mail _____

If you are married: Spouse name _____

No. of children _____

Home address _____

Total number of years lived in Abilene area _____

Why did you decide to live in Abilene? _____

What is your preferred method of communication? _____ Are you a registered voter? _____

Have you participated in Leadership Abilene before? _____ If yes, what year? _____

Are you a member of Abilene Young Professionals? _____ If yes, how long have you been involved? _____

EDUCATION

Provide a summary of your educational background beginning with High School. Include any specialized training. (Attach additional page if necessary.)

NAME & CITY OF SCHOOL	DATES (FROM – TO)	DEGREE	MAJOR
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

EMPLOYMENT

Account for all periods including military service.

Present employer _____ Date Began _____

Present title _____ Since (Date) _____

Previous employment: (Last five years)

COMPANY/LOCATION	POSITION	DATES (FROM – TO)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Discuss what leadership responsibilities you have in your present position of employment and any in previous employment.

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

List key community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, and other organizations of which you have been a member and/or leader, in order of their value to you. Please use additional paper if necessary.

ORGANIZATION	DATE	LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
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How many hours per month are you currently committing to the activities of community, civic, professional, business, religious, social and other organizations? _____

REFERENCES

Three reference questionnaires are required as part of your application. Reference questionnaires need to be completed by your supervisor, a community leader and an additional professional reference. Please list the names of these individuals below and attach their completed reference questionnaires with your application.

NAME, COMPANY & TITLE	EMAIL	TELEPHONE
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ESSAY

Please use additional paper if necessary.

How would you describe your leadership style?

What do you hope to gain from RISE?

Where do you see your career in five-ten years?

Why is it important to you to give back to your community?

SIGNATURES

APPLICANT:

I understand that if I am selected to participate in RISE it is mandatory to attend all five sessions. Attendance at all sessions is vital to the learning process individually, to the group and ultimately the success of the program.

Applicant Signature

Date

EMPLOYER:

I understand that effective participation in, and graduation from, RISE 2018- 2019 requires a time commitment by my employee. I am aware of the schedule listed above and will allow my employee to be away from work as required by the program.

Supervisor/ Employer Signature

Date

RISE Reference Questionnaire

Candidate Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Name of Reference: _____ **Title:** _____

Relationship to candidate: _____ **How long known:** _____

Completed applications should be mailed to the ACOC at 174 Cypress St # 200, Abilene, TX 79601; Attention Erica Pangburn or by email at erica@abilenechamber.com.

Please rate the candidate in the following areas:

	POOR			EXCELLENT	
Ability to meet deadlines:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Comments:	_____				
Ability to work well with peers:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Comments:	_____				
Ability to take responsibility:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Comments:	_____				
Ability to work as part of a team:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Comments:	_____				
Communication skills:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Comments:	_____				
Overall quality of work:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Comments:	_____				

Why do you recommend this candidate for the RISE program?

Describe the candidate's leadership traits.

In what areas might the candidate need additional training/strengthening?

How do you foresee this individual benefiting the community in the future?

What projects have you been involved in with this candidate?
