



APPLICATION

A program of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce
(September 2017 – May 2018)

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The purpose of Leadership Abilene is (1) Identify and motivate potential leaders (2) acquaint them with community needs (3) provide insight into techniques opportunities and challenges of leadership (4) explore alternate perspectives for community challenges (5) encourage new leaders to community involvement. Leadership Abilene strives to expose participants to the many services, resources, organizations and businesses that make Abilene unique. Each month the group will attend presentations, tour facilities and interact with representatives from local businesses, non-profit organizations, educational institutions and public offices. In an effort to connect current Abilene leaders (like yourself) to future Abilene leaders- the Leadership Abilene program accepts 30 adult participants and (up to) 30 local high school sophomores. These students will join the adult class experience for 6 of the 9 scheduled class dates.

Name _____ Age _____ Male _____ Female _____
Last First Middle

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 _____ Names and ages _____

Home address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Total number of years lived in Abilene area _____ How does the Abilene area fit into your future plans?

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

How do you learn of City/County/State/Federal issues and events? (Check all that apply)

Newspaper: Print On-line News websites
Television Radio Social media

Other _____

Who recommended this program to you? _____

Have you submitted an application to Leadership Abilene in the past? _____ If yes, how many times? _____

EDUCATION

Provide a summary of your educational background beginning with High Schools, then Colleges, Graduate Schools, Business/Trade Schools and/or other Special 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.

Discuss what leadership responsibilities you had in your previous employment.

EXPECTATIONS & GOALS

The goal of LEADERSHIP ABILENE is to provide information and education about the diversity of this community, its strengths, weaknesses, resources and challenges. What specific expectations do you have for this program?

What are your goals for future involvement in the community?

Please list your strengths (up to three) that help qualify you as a leader.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

In your opinion, what are the three most pressing issues facing our community today?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

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.

ORGANIZATION	DATE	LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

Have you been as involved in these activities as you would like to be? _____

If not, what have been major barriers to your involvement?

Please list three individuals as references. *Do not enclose letters of reference.*

NAME & COMPANY ADDRESS TELEPHONE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

ANTICIPATED 2017-18 SESSION DATES

Thursday & Friday	September 14 & 15, 2017	Overnight Orientation (MANDATORY)
Thursday	October 12, 2017	City/County Government Program
Thursday	November 9, 2017	Servant Leader Program
Thursday	December 7, 2017	Education Program
Thursday & Friday	January 25 & 26, 2018	State Government/Austin Trip
Thursday	February 15, 2018	Economy Program
Friday	March 16, 2018*	Dyess Air Force Base Program
Thursday	April 12, 2018	Health Program
Friday	May 4, 2018	Leadercast (Leadership Training)

* Dyess AFB date could change depending upon scheduling.

Tuesday May 8, 2018 Graduation Dinner/Ceremony
(This is not considered a session/program date. The Graduation Dinner/Ceremony will be for you and a guest.)

Attendance at each of the 9 monthly sessions is important. Each session has a different focus, and the networking opportunities, information and experiences are not repeated. It is mandatory that the participant **attend seven of nine sessions** – all of the 2-day, 1-night Orientation session **and** an additional 6 of the 8 remaining sessions. Attendance is taken throughout the day. A proportional absence is recorded if, for example, a participant leaves during part of the day or leaves a session early.

Can you commit the time required for you to participate effectively in the Leadership Program? _____

Do you have any food allergies? If so, please state. _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.

Return completed application to: LEADERSHIP ABILENE 2018
Abilene Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 2281, Abilene, TX 79604

Applications must be postmarked by the deadline or personally delivered to the Abilene Chamber of Commerce office at 174 Cypress St., Suite 200. Chamber office hours are Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Applicants will be notified of participation no later than August 18, 2017.

TUITION: Do not send any tuition payment and/or deposit with application. The tuition for participants of **Chamber member organizations** is **\$995**. Tuition for **non-member participants** is **\$1,195**. Tuition covers all meals, transportation, lodging, class shirts/nametags, and miscellaneous program-related expenses. The tuition is payable in full on or before September 8, 2016. Please provide the name of the company, organization, or individual responsible for your tuition fee:

SIGNATURES

APPLICANT:

I understand that if I am selected to participate in Leadership Abilene I am expected to attend all nine sessions. I understand that I **must** attend all of the Overnight Orientation session and a minimum of **seven of the nine sessions** to graduate. I am aware that youth (under 18) will be participating in portions of the program and I agree to a background check. I am aware that I will be encouraged to participate in additional extra-program experiences offered throughout the year and a class project that will enhance my Leadership Abilene experience.

Applicant Signature

Date

EMPLOYER:

I understand that effective participation in, and graduation from, Leadership Abilene 2018 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