

LEADERSHIP PIKE

A program of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce

The Leadership Pike County program was established to bring together individuals who represent the diversity of the population of Pike County, Alabama and who share concerns for improving the quality of life in Pike County and who have manifested a willingness and ability to assume leadership responsibilities in addressing these concerns.

Any Pike County Chamber of Commerce member of good standing is eligible to nominate one prospective applicant for participation in the Leadership Pike County program. Applications must be submitted on the forms provided by Leadership Pike County and must be received prior to the prescribed deadline.

Unless the applicant is self-employed, the applicant's employer is required to endorse the application, as the applicant's participation will require time away from work, as well as a much smaller commitment of time once the applicant graduates if selected for the Alumni Board.

CRITERIA

Leadership Pike County is an issues and skills-oriented leadership development program designed to inform, motivate and increase the awareness of selected participants through interaction with community decision-makers. All class positions are open each year, and application does not guarantee selection. Class size is up to 13 participants per year, with members selected based on the following criteria:

- high standards of personal integrity
- record of achievement in community activities or a desire to increase community involvement
- the ability to set and attain goals, as demonstrated by significant career, personal or community achievement
- the commitment of necessary time and effort to complete the program
- representation from a cross-section of the population

COMMITMENT

To graduate from Leadership Pike County, participants are expected to make a commitment to the program and to attend all sessions which includes a one-day retreat, to participate in the class service project(s), and to complete a requirement of ten (10) individual hours of volunteer work through the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, Inc. Class days are normally the third Wednesday of each month and run from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., unless noted.

TUITION (Due upon acceptance into the class)

If accepted into the program, you or your employer/sponsor will be responsible for your tuition, which will be due prior to the opening retreat. Tuition is \$500 and will cover all program costs, including polo, food, bus transportation and staff time. Tuition is nonrefundable, in whole or in part, in the event that you fail to complete the program due to non-attendance or other reasons. In addition, unless you are self-employed, your employer must agree and approve your participation recognizing that it will require time away from your position at work, as well as a much smaller commitment of time once you graduate if selected for the Alumni Board.

Thank you for your interest in the Leadership Pike County program. We look forward to receiving your application. **Applications are due by Noon on July 31, 2026** and can be dropped off at our office inside the Pike County Economic Development Center at 100 Industrial Blvd, Troy, AL 36081 or emailed to info@pikecoc.com. If you have further questions, please feel free to call our office at (334) 566-2294 or email us at info@pikecoc.com.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED: _____ LM CLASS: _____ YEAR: _____

High School: _____ City: _____ Degree/Year: _____

College: _____ City: _____ Degree/Year: _____

_____ City: _____ Degree/Year: _____

Other: _____ City: _____ Degree/Year: _____

Are you a graduate of another leadership program? Yes No

If yes, which one and when? _____

Community Involvement

Please answer in the space provided. No attachments, please.

List in order of importance to you, significant community, civic, political, governmental, religious, social, or other areas of involvement in which you have participated in the last five years.

Organization	Positions Held/Honors Received	Dates & Location
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

How much time monthly do you commit to volunteer service? List Organizations. _____

What is your most significant volunteer service accomplishment? _____

What is one area that you can significantly contribute to the improvement of Pike County? _____

General Information

Why do you want to be a member of this Leadership Pike Class and what specific skills/knowledge do you hope to gain from Leadership Pike? _____

List three professional references:

Name	Position	Organization	Telephone Number
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Is there anything else you would like to discuss about yourself or your experiences that would aid in this selection process? _____

Employer Endorsement

As the employer of the applicant, I understand and agree that my employee, if selected, will be required to attend the entire Leadership Day mini retreat and each of the nine full-day sessions during the months of September through June, and ten (10) hours of volunteer work, barring an unforeseen emergency. I further understand that if an unavoidable emergency should arise, my employee, if selected, is permitted to miss only **two** of the nine class days and still graduate with the class. I further understand that, if accepted into the program, either the applicant or the applicant’s employer/sponsor will be responsible for the tuition, which will be due prior to the opening retreat, and we have made arrangements for such payment, if selected. Tuition is \$500 and will cover all program costs, including polo, food, bus transportation and staff time. Tuition is nonrefundable, in whole or in part, in the event that the applicant, if selected, fails to complete the program due to non-attendance or other reasons. Upon selection of the Leadership Pike County class, the employer may be asked to provide a copy of the employee’s background check.

Employer: _____

Contact Name: _____ Number: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Employer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check Here if Self-Sponsoring without an Employer’s Endorsement

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Program Commitment

I understand and agree that I will attend the entire Leadership Day mini retreat and each of the nine full-day sessions during the months of September through June, barring an unforeseen emergency. I understand that if an unavoidable emergency should arise, I am permitted to miss only **two** of the nine class days and still graduate with my class. In the case of an emergency, I will notify the class secretary as soon as possible. I understand that any days I am absent from the class my employer will be notified of my absence. **I will fully commit to the class and will be on time as well as stay all day for the class.**

I further agree to participate in all class assignments or projects to the best of my ability and to abide by all rules of the program, including turning off technological devices such as cellphones, computers and tablets during classes. I understand that time will be allotted for me to check my messages during breaks and lunch, and I pledge to adhere to these important guidelines. I understand that each class has a specific dress code for the class and will follow the dress code for each class as listed in the materials given at orientation.

I will to the best of my ability participate in the planning and execution of the class project(s) and will complete ten (10) hours of volunteering through Chamber-specific events as a whole with the Leadership Pike County class. I understand that this is a requirement of completing the class and must be completed within the specified timeline.

I understand that failure to abide may result in my removal from the program.

Upon successful completion of the class year, I understand that I may be chosen by the Leadership Pike Alumni Board to serve on the committee.

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Email: _____