

Application for Participation

LEADERSHIP HARLINGEN

Tentative Agenda for Class of XXXVI



Leadership Harlingen is currently accepting applications for Class XXXVI.

Mission Statement:

“Leadership Harlingen is a program through the Harlingen Chamber of Commerce to identify, develop, and engage a network of leaders in the community to further expand the network of individuals who are better prepared to address the challenges of our city and region, as well as advocate for the interests of our varying stakeholders.”



Please review this application carefully and return the completed form to the Greater Chamber of Harlingen (311 E Tyler Ave., Harlingen, TX) or email Alyssa Alvarez at aalvarez@harlingen.com



Benefits | Overview | Sessions

Benefits

For Businesses

- Provides employees with increased organizational, leadership, and problem-solving skills.
- Exposes employees to new insights into the community.
- Provides new access to networks of community leaders and different resources.

For Individuals

- Provides in-depth education about Harlingen's history, government, economy, social issues, quality of life, education, needs, and opportunities.
- Introduces and encourages dialogue with other emerging leaders in the program as well as current influential community leaders.
- Provides experience in the concepts of community trusteeship and servant leadership.
- Provides guidance and support for active participation in activities that contribute to the growth and betterment of the community.
- Prepares candidates for high-level leadership roles, professional and personal growth.

Overview

Monthly Program Sessions

The first full-day session will be the orientation and held in November, with each following session being held on the last Tuesday of each month (except Nov. and Dec.) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All dates are subject to change and times as approximate.

Class Project

The Leadership Harlingen class will organize a community service project throughout the term of the program.

Program Sessions

- November 14, 2023: Team Building/Retreat | **Mandatory attendance**
- December 12, 2023: Non-Profit
- January 30, 2024: Healthcare
- February 27, 2024: Education
- March 26, 2024: Government
- April 30, 2024: Law Enforcement
- May 28, 2024: Port of Harlingen & Titan Fuel
- June 25, 2024: Economic Development
- July 30, 2024: Graduation Luncheon

Tuition | Commitment | Approval

Tuition

Tuition for 2023-2024 is **\$750** for active members of the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce, and **\$850** for non-members, which includes all program materials, snacks/meals, transportation*, class shirts, accommodations, and more! Tuition is non-refundable after completion of the initial session in September, but it can be transferred to another employee if done so prior to the September session.

Austin Trip (In Session)

Tuition for the optional Austin trip to the Capitol is **\$1,000**. This includes all program materials, travel/transportation, overnight stay, snacks, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, etc.

Commitment by Applicant

If selected as a participant in Leadership Harlingen, **I understand attendance and punctuality is required for a regular monthly meeting on the last Tuesday of each month, an overnight trip, program-related events outside the regular class days and attendance are mandatory for Orientation**. I will make every effort to attend all the functions sponsored by the program. I understand if I fail to meet any part of any obligation of participation, I will not be invited to graduate from the program during this particular program year. I hereby certify the information provided above is complete and correct. I understand any false information disqualifies me from participating in the Leadership Harlingen program. I understand that my submission of this application does not guarantee my acceptance into the program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Commitment by Employer

Selected applicants from the Leadership Harlingen program must have the support and commitment of their business or organization. The signature of the President/CEO of the applicant's organization (locally) is necessary as an indication of the support for the applicant's participation in the program. By signing below, you, as the applicant's employer, agree to allow time away from work to fully complete the program, as outlined in this application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

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for HARLINGEN Participation

Training the Community's Business Leaders

1. Personal Data

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Years in Harlingen: _____ How did you hear about Leadership Harlingen? _____

2. Education

Begin with your most recent degrees and/or specialized training and list them in reverse chronological order:

Name and location of school	Dates (from/to)	Degree Major
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3. Employment

a. Check those that best describe the area in which you presently work/serve:

Community Volunteer Community/Non-Profit Large Business Small Business

Professional Education Government Other: _____

Current Employer: _____ Years with Current Employer: _____

Type of Business/Organization: _____ Subject to transfer? Yes No How often? _____

If selected for this program, do you foresee any reason why you would be unable to complete the full course? Yes

No

b. List your previous position held with your current employer and/or other employment in reverse chronological order:

Employer and City	Dates (from/to)	Responsibility
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

c. Briefly describe the responsibilities in your employment:

d. What do you consider your most important professional achievement to date?

e. What are your professional business goals for the next five years?

4. Community Involvement

a. What do you consider your major community service roles to date?

Organization/Project	Dates (from/to)	Role/Accomplishment
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

b. Over the past year, approximately how much time each month did you devote to community, civic, professional and other Organizations and activities? _____

Have you been as active in these activities as you would like to be? Yes No

If not, what conditions have changed that now enable you to seek community involvement?

c. Have you previously participated in a Leadership program? Yes No

If yes, where and what year?

d. Check two of the following categories which best describe your current area of leadership activity or interest?

- Chamber of Commerce
- Economic Development: Tourism, Downtown Development
- Education/Literacy

- Environment: Conservation
- Government: Local, State, Federal, Regional
- Politics: Local, State, Federal, Assist in a campaign
- Quality of Life: Art, Sports, Entertainment, Music
- Social Issues: Aging, Alcohol, Handicapped, Drug Abuse, Mental Health, Diversity

5. General Information

a. What are your goals in the future relative to leadership roles in our community? What do you hope to gain from Leadership Harlingen experience that will assist you in reaching your goals?

b. What do you believe to be the most important issue facing Harlingen today? Explain why and suggest any recommendations for approaching and resolving this issue.

c. Additional information or comments:

6. References & Recommendations (If Requested by Chamber)

If requested, two letters of recommendation with this application from persons who are knowledgeable about your leadership performance and potential and who may be contacted regarding your qualifications as a participant.

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Biography

The following information about yourself will be placed in a small booklet which will be given to every attendee of the Leadership Harlingen Banquet/Graduation. Please fill out and submit it to aalvarez@harlingen.com Prior to the second Leadership Class session.

NOTE: If a biography is not received, one will not be provided in the booklet.

- Full Name:
- Date & Place of Birth:
- Where did you attend college and what did you major in?
- What are some of the major achievements you have accomplished throughout your life? (150 characters)