

# 2025 Leadership Jefferson City Application



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Class of 2024

## What is Leadership Jefferson City?



Leadership Jefferson City is an innovative leadership training and community awareness program developed by leaders of the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce. The program has been in existence since 1988. The program is designed to identify and motivate emerging leaders, and to develop their potential for community leadership roles by exposing them to the opportunities, realities and challenges of our community.

Sessions are strategically designed to provide participants with an increased knowledge and insight into the many functions and realities of life in our community. Session formats vary, but include such things as lively panel discussions, interesting field trips, knowledgeable speakers and group interaction.

## Leadership Jefferson City was developed to meet the following objectives:

1. Provide leadership development training and help participants develop an understanding of their leadership style.
2. Provide valuable and interesting information about Jefferson City and the surrounding area.
3. Create unique opportunities for dialogue and rapport between the participants and community leaders.
4. Stimulate and increase the level of commitment and participation in the community.
5. Build solid relationships among class members for working together on present and future community projects.

## Who participates in Leadership Jefferson City?

Individuals who have a genuine interest in community leadership and who desire to increase their own levels of involvement in community leadership roles are encouraged to apply. A Leadership Jefferson City participant or their employer must be a member of the Chamber. Applicants for Leadership Jefferson City are sought from all segments of the community. Applicants must have the support and commitment of his/her business or organization and should possess the personal commitment to 100% attendance of the 11 sessions.

A maximum of 30 individuals will be provided the opportunity to participate in Leadership Jefferson City. In order to assure a diversify group, one Chamber-member participant from a business or organization may participate during the same year.

### **Expectations of Leadership Jefferson City Participants:**

- Class members will be engaged and committed participants in the class.
- Class members will participate in a class project.
- Graduates will be inspired to participate in leadership roles in the community.

## **Instructions**

Complete the application /obtain signature from employer/sign the application

### **Applicant's Information**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

a. Years at Current Job \_\_\_\_\_

b. Years in Jefferson City \_\_\_\_\_

c. Are you or your employer a Chamber member? \_\_yes \_\_no  
If yes, approximately how long \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for Leadership Jefferson City before \_\_yes \_\_no

*The following information will be used to create a diverse class and for tours.*

Gender \_\_M \_\_F

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_ *\*not required*

**Please answer the following questions in the space provided.**

Why do you wish to participate in Leadership Jefferson City?

What personal and professional qualities would you bring to the class?

Please identify and discuss a particular issue, opportunity, or problem you feel is crucial to the Jefferson City area. Include recommendations you may have for approaching and resolving these problems.

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## Organizations/Activities/Community Involvement/Awards

*Please state personal and professional*

Present: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Past: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Optional Information

Highest Level of Education: \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Training / Certification: \_\_\_\_\_

Interests / Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Skills: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. References:

List two persons who have knowledge of your qualifications and background, who may be contacted by the Leadership Jefferson City Steering Committee.

Full Name, Business or home address, Email:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

### Tuition

If accepted into Leadership Jefferson City, you and your company/organization will be responsible for the tuition fee of \$950. Tuition covers all costs including materials, transportation needs, meals, and other expenses associated with the sessions. The fee is due prior to the first session. Do not send payment with your application. You will be invoiced upon acceptance into the program.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Scholarships

A limited amount of scholarship funding is available. The Leadership Jefferson City Steering Committee will award these funds based on need. No one applicant will receive a full tuition. Scholarships will be awarded based on the financial need of the individual or organization. Special attention will be given to applicants from non-profit organizations and those who will be paying the tuition themselves. To request scholarship funds, please enclose a cover letter of explanation with your application or email a copy to Ashley Temme, [ashleytemme@jcchamber.org](mailto:ashleytemme@jcchamber.org). Late scholarship requests will be denied. If granted scholarship funds, your responsible portion of the tuition will be due prior to the start of class.

## **Attendance Policy**

Applicants are expected to attend all eleven sessions. Excused absences may be allowed for business obligations and personal emergencies. Such absences must be reported to the Chamber's LJC Program staff prior to the session. Participants who fail to attend a minimum of 9 of the 11 sessions may be subject to removal from the program. If you cannot commit this year, please consider applying for a future session.

## **Class Project**

As a requirement for graduation, class members must execute a class project that will benefit the community. In recent years, that project, Battle of the Brews, has contributed thousands to local charitable organizations.

## **Waiver of Liability, Disclaimer and Permission**

I hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce and its employees, volunteers and other representatives or affiliates from and against any and all claims arising out of or relating to illness, physical injury, death or damages that may result to said individual while participating in a Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce event. I give my permission for free use of name and picture in broadcasts, telecasts or written accounts of Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored events.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Applicant Agreement**

If selected as a participant, I understand the purpose of the Leadership Jefferson City program and its attendance requirement. I understand if I fail to meet any of the program obligations, I may be asked to withdraw or may not graduate with my class. I realize the completion of this form does not guarantee my acceptance as a participant.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Employer Agreement**

As the employer/supervisor of the above applicant for Leadership Jefferson City, I hereby agree to arrange the time necessary for his/her to fully participate in all scheduled classes and activities.

Employer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Submit Your Application**

Your completed application must be received by COB **on January 8, 2025 to: Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce, 213 Adams, P. O. Box 776, Jefferson City, MO 65101** or emailed to **Ashley Temme, ashleytemme@jcchamber.org**.