

Overview

Leadership Jefferson is a nine-month program designed to develop a diverse network of dedicated business and community leaders. Facilitated by a professional leadership team, the interactive workshops expose participants to local leaders and activists working to resolve critical issues facing Jefferson Parish.

We engage leaders throughout Jefferson Parish to present to the class and provide educational experiences that citizens may not otherwise have access to. Specific session topics include education, healthcare, quality of life concerns, criminal justice, diversity, community involvement, and economic development.

This program produces an elite group of leaders, and the selection process is very competitive. The Leadership Jefferson program strives to uphold the values and characteristics of an admirable leader; therefore, we take careful consideration into selecting each new class.

Application Process

Applications are open **June 1-30th**, **2022** for participation in the Leadership Jefferson Class of 2023. All applicants' employers must be members of the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce to be selected for the program.

Applications must be submitted via www.jeffersonchamber.org/about/foundation/leadershipjefferson.

All applicants will be notified of their application status by Friday, July 15th, 2022.

Tuition payment is due via check, postmarked no later than June 30th. Tuition checks will not be deposited until an applicant has been accepted to the program. Any checks for unaccepted applicants will be mailed to the employers no later than **Friday**, **July 29th**.

Upon Acceptance, the following will be due by Friday, July 29th:

- Signed Acceptance Letter
- Completed "My Info" Form
- Emergenetics profile

Tuition

Full Participant Tuition: \$1,550

- Tuition covers all program costs and materials, including meals, lodging, and any other costs associated with the retreats and sessions.
- Tuition is considered tax deductible.

Withdrawal from Leadership Jefferson:

- Participant withdrawal by Friday, July 29th will result in a refund of 50% of the tuition (\$775.00).
- Following this date, tuition is non-refundable, and it will be considered a donation to the Jefferson Chamber Foundation. *The tuition refund schedule is necessary to accommodate the fixed costs of the program including lodging, food, bus transportation, facility rentals, etc.

Program Timeline

- Övernight Opening Retreat | Thursday, August 25th Friday, August 26th
 - Thursday, August 25th is a full day of sessions with a class dinner, and Friday, August 26th ends at 12:00 P.M.
- Quality of Life | Tuesday, October 11th
- Healthcare | Tuesday, November 8th
- Economic Development | Tuesday, December 13th
- Education | Tuesday, January 10th
- Diversity & Inclusion | Tuesday, February 14th
- Governance | Tuesday, March 14th
- Community Involvement | Tuesday, April 11th
- Closing Session & Class Dinner| Tuesday, May 9th
- Class of 2023 Graduation | Tuesday, May 23rd *

All monthly sessions take place at various venues throughout Jefferson Parish from 8:30 – 4:30 P.M.

Program Requirements

- The overnight retreat, including the session and class dinner, is mandatory to participate in the entirety of the program. If you are unable to attend the opening retreat, you will not be allowed to continue in the program.
- Participants are allowed to miss no more than two (2) full monthly sessions (16 class hours) throughout the year.
- Partial absences are recorded for late arrivals, early dismissals, and leaving during the day.
- The closing session is mandatory.

For further inquiries, please contact:

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