



Thank you for your interest in Leadership Fayetteville. This application, for consideration in the 2020-2021 Leadership Fayetteville Class, will need to be completed and returned to the Chamber **by MAY 10, 2020**. The Leadership Fayetteville Committee will review all applications, and applicants will be notified of their decision during late June. This will be the 34<sup>th</sup> Leadership Fayetteville Class. Class XXXIV will be announced to the public at a press conference in August that will be held at a location TBD.

Please read the following guidelines carefully:

- **Please type your answers**
- **Please complete each question in full – incomplete applications will not be considered**
- **Limit answers to the space available**
- **A letter of reference is required**
- **Application must be signed by both the applicant and employer (employer must agree to attendance policy)**
- **Applicants must be members of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce**
- **Application must be returned no later than 5:00pm on May 10, 2020**

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The annual Leadership Fayetteville program exists to create a foundation from which its graduates can further expand their involvement within the Fayetteville community.

It is designed to serve as the beginning of a long-term relationship with various aspects of Fayetteville, allowing class participants to learn about numerous segments of the community as well as develop an effective network of contacts through which graduates of the program can pursue their interests in making Fayetteville a better place to live.

The goal of the program is to produce a continued stream of concerned, motivated, and educated individuals of diverse talents and interests eager to pursue and assume leadership roles and volunteer opportunities within the Fayetteville community.

#### **Curriculum**

The Leadership Fayetteville program consists of monthly sessions held from August to June. Sessions include an Introduction/Announcement, a two-day opening retreat, a two-day trip to Little Rock and nine full-day sessions. Most sessions are from 8:00am until 5:00pm, and your schedule must accommodate the session times. Each class member will be required to participate in three group projects throughout the year as well as complete several individual projects.

## ATTENDANCE

To maximize the Leadership Fayetteville experience, each program participant is expected to attend every session.

### Attendance Requirements:

The program consists of nine full-day sessions and two overnight trips. Program participants are expected to attend each monthly session. However, if a person does miss any portion of a session, they will be required to complete additional community points for any hours missed. Missing more than eight hours can constitute dismissal from the program and no portion of the tuition will be refunded. **No absences from the opening retreat or the State Leadership trip to Little Rock will be authorized.**

To graduate from Leadership Fayetteville, a participant is required to attend all sessions and to be present for the entire session. Most days begin at 8:00am and end at 5:00pm.

### 2020-21 Leadership Fayetteville Session Schedule

August 6	Class Announcement
August 13 – 14	Opening Retreat**
September 10	Social Services
October 8	NWA Economic Development
November 12	Local Government
December 10	History
January 14	Healthcare
February 11	Education
March 11-12	State Government- Little Rock**
April 8	Community
May 13	Quality of Life
June 10	Call to Action/Graduation

Extenuating circumstances do arise. However, any participant missing the opening retreat, state government session or more than eight hours may be asked to withdraw from the program and no portion of the tuition will be refunded. If a participant must miss a session, the Leadership Fayetteville committee (staff liaison or committee chair) must be notified as far in advance as possible.

Orientation Retreat: (August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> overnight – location TBD)

- The retreat is **MANDATORY**.

State Government Trip:

- The class will travel to Little Rock on March 11-12, 2021 for an overnight stay. The State Government trip is **MANDATORY**.

By applying, you and your employer are agreeing that you have read and understand the attendance requirements.

If you are accepted, your enrollment fee of \$1250.00 must be paid on or before the August 2020 class announcement. \*Limited scholarship opportunities are available for applicants who are self-employed or work for a non-profit agency. Please contact Jennifer Irwin directly for more information, [jirwin@fayettevillear.com](mailto:jirwin@fayettevillear.com) or 521-1710.

You will be notified during the month of June whether you have been accepted into the 2020-2021 Leadership Fayetteville Program. If you are accepted, your enrollment fee of \$1250 must be paid on or before the August 2020 class announcement.

Link to Online Application

<https://leadership.chamberfayetteville.com/>