



Leadership Parker County is a program sponsored by the **Parker County Chamber of Commerce** which challenges its participants to make a difference in the community, to make a positive contribution to our quality of life, and to be prepared to become the leaders of tomorrow. *Here are some facts about the program:*

Leadership Parker County is a challenge.

A series of nine full-day sessions (one day each month) offer learning opportunities and challenge participants to become actively involved in building a better tomorrow for Parker County. Sessions focus on the following important issues: Industry, City/County Government, Education, Health Care, Agriculture, Transportation, Technology, Communication, and Quality of Life.

Leadership Parker County is a commitment.

Leadership Parker County requires a commitment from completion of the application through graduation. This commitment involves one day per month for regular sessions that run September through May. A tuition of \$600 covers meals and other program expenses.

Leadership Parker County is an investment.

By creating a leadership pool for the present and the future, Leadership Parker County is truly an investment in our community. Leadership Parker County strives to ensure continuity of leadership for the community. Participation in the program is a commitment to take the contributions from former leaders and to build on that foundation. Through Leadership Parker County, potential leaders are identified. The program creates an awareness of community resources and needs, while enhancing existing leadership skills.

Leadership Parker County is ongoing.

Upon completion of the program, Leadership Parker County participants are eligible for membership in the Leadership Alumni Association. Alumni members assist the organization in continuing the process of leadership development. The Alumni Association provides a continuing education forum for past participants, including programs dealing with issues of importance to Parker County.

Leadership Parker County is an opportunity.

We invite you to apply to participate in the upcoming Leadership Parker County class. You'll find it will be a wonderful experience as well as a solid investment in your community. Applications are available at the Chamber office located at 100 Chuckwagon Trail, Willow Park, 76087.

The application deadline is AUGUST 12TH. Participants will be notified of acceptance by August 26.

Leadership Parker County unites participants.

Leadership Parker County will begin with a mandatory orientation/mixer (Sept. 23, 3:00 – 5:00 PM) and ROPES course (Sept. 24) that will acquaint the participants with each other and the program. This first session is the essential step in creating bonds and friendships that will last a lifetime.

For more information about the Parker County Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Parker County program, log on to www.ParkerCountyChamber.com or call 817.441.7844



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Please complete each section in **full**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- If you have any questions while filling out the application, please contact the Chamber office at 817-441-7844.
- **Deadline for receiving applications is August 12, 2024, 5:00 PM.**
- Please print in **black or blue ink** or type answers into fillable form.
- Limit answers to available space. **No attachments will be considered.**
- Application must be signed by the applicant and sponsor (if applicable).
- Chosen applicants will be notified by **August 26, 2024.**
- Each individual selected for participation in Leadership Parker County, or that person's employer, will be required to pay a tuition fee of \$600 for the program by **September 10, 2024.**
- Email completed application to: Jeanna@ParkerCountyChamber.com
 - Mail completed application to: Leadership Parker County, 100 Chuckwagon Trail, Willow Park, TX 76087 or drop off at the Chamber office.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Application to Leadership Parker County is open to persons living and working in the Parker County area. A minimum of 12 and maximum of 16 individuals will be selected.
- *Participants are chosen by the Leadership Parker County Selection Committee based upon the information on this application.* The Committee seeks representation from a cross section of the community including business, agriculture, industry, education, the arts, religion, government, community-based organizations, retired residents, etc.
- Applicants must have the full support of the organization or corporation they represent.
- Due to class size limitations, depending on the number of applicants, the committee may limit selections to no more than one participant from a single company.
- Applicants who are not accepted due to class size limit are encouraged to reapply the following year.
- **Attendance at orientation/mixer (Sept 23, 3:00-5:00 PM), Retreat/ROPES Course (September 24, 8:30 – 5:00) and monthly sessions are mandatory.** (*Sessions will be held the third Wednesday of each month September through May*). **Class dates are: September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May.** *Each session will run from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.* **Those who fail to attend will forfeit their program participation and tuition.**
- In reviewing applications, the Selection Committee looks for potential participants who demonstrate the following criteria:
 1. Commitment and motivation to serve the Parker County area.
 2. Policy shaping responsibility or position of leadership in employment and/or volunteer organizations resulting in the potential to have significant influence on important community issues.
 3. Ability to fulfill the time commitment required by the program.



LEADERSHIP PARKER COUNTY APPLICATION: CLASS OF 2024-2025

PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Preferred Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone# _____

Home E-Mail Address _____ Cell Phone# _____

Years in Parker County Area _____ T-Shirt Size _____ Polo Shirt Size _____

Business Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone# _____

Business E-Mail Address _____ Fax# _____

Where do you prefer your mail sent? HOME OFFICE Email sent? HOME OFFICE

Are you a registered voter in Parker County? YES NO

PROGRAM DETAILS

- To graduate from Leadership Parker County, a participant is expected to **ATTEND ALL SESSIONS**. Those who fail to attend a meeting could forfeit their participation in the program.
- **Orientation** will be held **Tuesday, September 24, 2024** (3:00 PM – 5:00 PM).
- **Retreat**: Ropes Course/Team Building will occur on **Wednesday, September 25, 2024** (8:30 AM – 5:00 PM).
- **ONE full day per month**: Sessions will be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month September through May **Class dates are: September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May**. *Each session will run from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM*
- **TUITION OF \$600 IS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 10, 2024.**
- Unapproved late arrivals and/or early departures from a session will constitute an attendance review by the Leadership Parker County Selection Committee and Chamber President.
- Dropout or withdrawal from program after **September 20, 2024** will forfeit tuition.
- Participants will be expected to participate in a class project and at I three out-of-class community events or activities.

COMMITMENT - The goal of the Leadership Parker County program is to identify, educate and encourage community leaders to use their leadership skills to enrich, promote and advocate for our community. When selecting class participants, priority status will be given to those who have a positive response to the majority of the following statements. *Please check all that apply to you.*

- I have a sincere commitment, motivation and interest to serve the Parker County community. I
- have an occupational commitment to remain in the Parker County area.
- I have an interest in holding public office (city council, school board, county commissioner, state rep, etc.)
- I have an interest in being involved in key volunteer leadership roles in the community.
- I will be able to attend and actively participate in the orientation and retreat.
- I will commit to attend the monthly sessions to be held on the third Wednesday of each month.
- I am willing to commit additional out-of-class time for work on a class project and suggested out-of-class experiences throughout the year.



Will you be able to fulfill this commitment?

I understand the goals and commitment requirements of the Leadership Parker County program. If selected, I will devote the required time and pay my tuition by **SEPTEMBER 10, 2024.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____



I . EMPLOYMENT

Present Employer _____ Date of Hire _____

Type of Organization _____

Title or Responsibility _____ Since _____

List previous employment in reverse chronological order. Include active military duty.

Employer	Title/Responsibility	Dates (From-To)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

II EDUCATION

List schools/universities attended, degrees received and/or specialized training.

A. Name/City of School	Dates (From-To)	Degree
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

B. Special Awards/Honors

C. Any Additional Education

III PERSONAL REFERENCES

Please list 2 people other than your sponsor who are knowledgeable about your leadership performance and potential.

Name _____ Phone _____

Title _____ Organization _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Title _____ Organization _____



***M* ACTIVITY DATA**

A. What have you done (anywhere, anytime) that has made you care about your community?

B. Please list major volunteer leadership role(s) at this time:

1. Organization _____ Position _____
Describe Responsibility _____

2. Organization _____ Position _____
Describe Responsibility _____

3. Organization _____ Position _____
Describe Responsibility _____

C. What do you consider your most important accomplishment in one of the above organizations? Why?

D. Please list, in order of importance to you, up to three civic, professional, business, religious, social, community, athletic, or other organizations of which you are or have been a member.

	Organization	Dates of Membership
1.	_____	_____
	Responsibility _____	
2.	_____	_____
	Responsibility _____	
3.	_____	_____
	Responsibility _____	

E. How much time each month do you commit to volunteerwork? _____



F. What kind of volunteer activities would you like to become active with in the future? _____



V GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS

One of the goals of Leadership Parker County is to build a network of community leaders who can enhance their problem solving and other leadership abilities through shared perspectives and working together.

Please give considerable thought to the following questions and share your answers thoroughly in complete sentences.

A. What do you feel are the three most significant **problems/challenges** facing Parker County today?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

B. What do you feel needs to be done on one of these issues?

C. What do you feel are the three most notable **opportunities** Parker County has to offer?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

D. What do you feel needs to be done to develop one of these opportunities?

E. What specific skills/knowledge do you hope to gain from your participation in Leadership Parker County?

SPONSOR SUPPORT: This applicant has my full support to participate in Leadership Parker County. I am aware of the time commitment involved in his/her effective participation, as well as financial obligation. *(This must be signed by the firm's chief executive officer or immediate supervisor, if other than the applicant.)*



Name: _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Signature _____ Date _____