



Congratulations on being selected to become a member of Leadership Dickson County. We welcome you to the 31st graduating class.

Enclosed you will find class requirements, attendance policies, and general information to help ensure that your year in leadership will be a success!

Please get in touch with Jennie Wagner with any questions or concerns.
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Class Requirements

As a class member, you will be expected to uphold the organization's mission. You will use the leadership skills, knowledge, and contacts gained through this class to encourage and promote Dickson County. Our general information and guidelines for the Class of 2024 are included.

Attendance Policy

Leadership Dickson County attendance policy is as follows: A class member must attend all opening retreat days (September 15th & 16th) to continue in the class. Any unexcused absence from scheduled program days may result in automatic expulsion from the class. Each absence will be evaluated expeditiously by the LDCAA board and the decision to expel or allow the student to continue with make-up work is final. Classes missed due to death in the immediate family or a serious illness of the class member are examples of allowable absences. A makeup day will be required to continue in the class. A class member missing the retreat will be refunded their tuition and may reapply for next year's class. Tuition is not refunded under any circumstance for failure to finish the program.

Communication

All communication will arrive via email. Any necessary schedule changes will be announced as soon as possible. Our goal is to provide information and related materials to you in a timely manner before each program day. We also have your preferred mailing address, email, and phone number. We will use it forever unless notified otherwise. Please keep us informed of any changes to your contact information.

Transportation

You are responsible for arriving at the designated location and checking in on time. If additional travel is required on that program day, you are expected to ride with your class on the bus transportation provided.

Meals

We provide lunch for program days. Many of these are sponsored by very generous facilities and local businesses. If you have medical dietary restrictions, please let Jennie Wagner know as soon as possible. During some program days, breakfast and coffee may be provided but are not always guaranteed.

Name Badges

On opening day, you will receive your official Leadership Dickson County name badge. We ask that you wear it during each program day. The name badges will be taken up at the end of each program day and returned to you at the following program day.

Dress*

Business casual is the attire recommended for program days. Always wear comfortable shoes. Please review your email communication before each program day to help plan the appropriate dress for the program day. Occasionally, there will be specific dress requirements. **Note: when visiting manufacturing facilities, closed-toe/low heel shoes are required.*

Cell Phones/ Text/ Email

We ask that you leave your phone off or on silent during the program days unless you expect an urgent call. Don't worry-you will have time to check email and return calls during breaks and on the bus. Use your time during the program days to discuss issues and learn from the facilitators, and use this time to develop friendships with other class members.

Networking

One of the most valuable benefits of LDC is enlarging your network. You'll gain new friends in your class. You will also gain access to the Leadership Dickson County Alumni Association. The richness of this network is beneficial to you so take advantage of this opportunity and the people you will meet.

Tuition Dues*

As a selected member of the 2024 LDC class you (or your employer) are expected to pay the tuition fee of \$425*. The tuition fee covers all costs, including meals. **Note: if you received a scholarship, you would receive special payment instructions.* Tuition needs to be paid to the 'Dickson County Chamber' and mailed to:

Dickson County Chamber
Attn: Jennie Wagner, President
205 South Main Street
Dickson, TN 37055

Evaluations / Reflections

Notebooks are provided for you to write down points of reflection as you go throughout each program day. Time will be allotted at the end of each program day to discuss the thoughts and reflections gathered. We ask that you be honest and share with the class what you learned and share with Jennie any ideas/ways for improvement.

Program Dates

September 15Opening Day
September 16Challenge Course
October 26History Day
November 9.....Community Resources Day
December 13 (Wed.).....Public Utilities
January 18.....City/County Government
February 22.....Education
March 13 (Wed.)State Government
April 18Economic Development/Tourism
May 2.....Health Care Day
May 14 (Tues.)Communication/What's Next?
May 14 (Tues. Evening).....Graduation

Program Day Facilitators

Opening Day: Janet Cluck
Challenge Course: David Cole & Paul Pitney
History Day: Alan Ragan
Community Resources Day: Renee Boehm
Public Utilities: Shane Chandler
City/County Government: Mark Denney
Education: Dana Ramsey
State Government: Mayor Bob Rial
Economic Development/Tourism: Terry Malone & AimeeAnne Wodka
Health Care Day: Brandon Vincent
Communication/What's Next?: Chris Norman & Renee Badon
Graduation: LDCAA Board Members

Additional Requirements for Graduation

Each participant will be required to submit their proof of attendance at each of the following one month before graduation (May 14).

- (1) a City Council meeting (participant's choice of any city council inside Dickson County);
- (2) a Board of Education meeting; and
- (3) a County Commission Meeting; and
- (4) provide proof of 4-hours of community services that will benefit the community or a local non-profit organization.

Class President

Each year, the class elects a President. The Class President assists Jennie Wagner (Dickson County Chamber) with class communication, class feedback, coordinating projects, and assisting where needed. The class will vote on the Class President during History Day (October 26).

Class/Service Project

A class project is to be completed as a group effort by the entire class. The class/service benefits the county and focuses on an issue(s) the class feels need to be addressed. More details will be made available on opening day.

Commitment After Graduation

Upon graduation, your journey only begins! Leadership Dickson County continues with your involvement within the Leadership Dickson County Alumni Association. Now that you will know the problems facing Dickson County, we need to work together to solve them! After graduation, we hope you will continue to participate in alumni networking, recruiting events, and supporting the program financially.

Welcome to the Class of 2024 for Leadership Dickson County!