



**Leadership
Rockwall**
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Application 2017-2018

Leadership Rockwall

A program of the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce

Leadership Rockwall (LR) is a 9 month community leadership program designed to develop the skills leaders need to excel. The program includes a combination of in-depth issue seminars and skills development designed to enhance self-awareness of leadership approaches.

Participants are immersed in a full-day traveling class that includes guest speakers, hands-on experiences, tours and relationship building. The goal of each class day is to challenge thinking and inspire participants to get involved in their community.

At the start of this 9-month program, participants are charged with the task of identifying an issue, program or project that needs attention. After selection of the project, the class then plans and executes a sustainable community project.

With over 250 graduates, LR produces a powerhouse of impactful community leaders and a thriving volunteer population that is more likely to serve on boards, volunteer, and give back to the community.

ESTEEMED HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP ROCKWALL

Today, Leadership Rockwall is the single most unique opportunity for emerging and existing leaders to build, collaborate, and steward a vibrant, interconnected community in Rockwall and the surrounding area. The program identifies, educates and develops leadership skills in approximately 18 individuals each year following a competitive application process.

For 20 years, LR has served as the community based leadership program designed to help individuals grow as leaders and engage in their community. The program provides community immersion experiences and advanced skill development.

The goals are simple...to **CONNECT AND LEARN** leadership potential...to **IGNITE** communications between present and future leaders...to **INSPIRE** new leaders to tackle tough community challenges in an informed and responsible manner with the goal of **SUCCEEDING** into a strong network of effective community leaders

If you want a deeper connection to the community and believe leadership is an investment worth making in your career and civic stewardship, Leadership Rockwall is for you!

LR 2018 CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Male Female

Date of Birth: _____ Race/Ethnicity (optional): _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

Are you a registered voter? Yes No

Are you currently employed in the Rockwall area? Yes No

Are you self-employed? Yes No

How long have you been a resident of Rockwall? _____

Have you applied for Leadership Rockwall in the past? If yes, when?

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Highest level of education completed:

High School/Diploma Professional/Technical Certification

Some College 4-Year Degree Advanced Degree

Name of Institution(s) Attended:

Did you serve in any leadership/volunteer roles while in school? If yes, please list.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Please complete each section in full.
- Type or print legibly.
- One letter of recommendation is required along with a one page resume and a headshot suitable for publication.
- Application must be signed by CEO/Employer and candidate.
- Completed application must be completed by July 20, 2017. Applications received after this date will not be eligible for the 2017-18 class.
- Tuition is \$1,000 and due in full upon notification of acceptance into class.
- Submissions can be sent via email to dani@rockwallchamber.org or mailed to

Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce
3021 Ridge Road #63
Rockwall, TX 75032
Attn: LR Class of 2018

- **Accepted applicants will be notified by August 11, 2017**
Your application will not be considered complete nor reviewed without receipt of all components

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Application to LR is open to persons living within the Rockwall Area.
- Applicants must represent a Chamber-member business.
- Class size will not exceed 18 members.
- Class members are chosen by a selection committee on their own merit based upon the information and attachments completed on the application and selection committee interviews.
- Nominees must have full support of the organization they represent.
- Attendance at orientation, weekend retreat and Rockwall County Days (Austin) is **mandatory** for graduation. (Note: Should an applicant be unable to attend any of these events, they should wait until another year to apply to participate in the program.)
- Attendance at monthly sessions is **mandatory** for graduation from the program. (Note: one excused absence is allowed)
- In reviewing applications, the selection committee looks for potential participants who demonstrate the following:
 - Commitment and motivation to serve Rockwall and the area in a volunteer capacity.
 - Policy shaping responsibility or position of leadership in employment and/or volunteer organizations resulting in the potential to have significant influence on important issues facing the community.
 - Ability to make the time commitment required by the program.
 - Previous volunteer experience.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Current Employer: _____

Type of Business: _____ Current Title/Position: _____

How long have you been in your current position? _____

Briefly describe your current roles and responsibilities in this position:

Business Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ Business Email: _____

Sponsor (May be your employer or an organization such as Rotary, Alumni, etc. If no sponsor, write none.)

List previous employment in reverse chronological order:

Employer	Position/Title	Length of Employment

Have you or do you currently serve in any branch of the U.S. military? Yes No

If yes, please list the highest rank obtained during your service:

What do you consider your highest career achievement to date?

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

How much time do you commit to volunteerism? _____

List any specific community, civic, religious, political, social, athletic or other area(s) of which you are or have currently been involved in:

Name of Organization	Dates of Membership	Length of Employment

What is the most significant thing you have learned as a result of your community/volunteer involvement?

What types of volunteer activities do you plan to pursue in the future?

If you have not had the time or interest to become actively involved in the past, what conditions have changed that now enable you to seek involvement in the community?

GENERAL INFORMATION

Briefly describe leadership roles you have held, whether volunteer or professional, and how they have shaped you as a leader today.

What do you feel are the three most significant or pressing issues facing the Rockwall Area today?

1.

2.

3.

What do you feel could be done to solve one of those issues?

What are your hobbies and interests?

Why do you think you should be selected for Leadership Rockwall?

What specific skills/knowledge do you hope to gain from your participation in LR?

Provide a reflective paragraph describing at least two strengths and two weaknesses as it relates to you as a leader?

RECOMMENDATIONS

CEO SPONSORSHIP

I hereby recommend _____ for consideration in the Leadership Rockwall program. If he/she is selected, I agree to provide adequate release time from regular duties to attend the required sessions and outside projects and activities.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Will your company pay the tuition fee of \$1,000 for this applicant?

Yes No

PERSONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Please list two persons who are knowledgeable about your leadership performance and potential. In addition to below, please submit **one letter of recommendation** from a LR alumni.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Email: _____

Attachment – Letter of Recommendation:

TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIP

If accepted into the Leadership Rockwall program, you and/or your employer/sponsor will be billed for the tuition fee, which covers all program costs including meals. Tuition is \$1,000. Applications must be received on or before July 20, 2017. Applications received after this date will not be eligible for LR 2018. If selected, full tuition is due by August 11, 2017 and is non-refundable.

Limited scholarship opportunities are available through the Leadership Rockwall Alumni Association for accepted applicants whose tuition is not sponsored. Please contact the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce at 972-771-5733 if you are in need of scholarship funds.

COMMITMENT

To graduate from Leadership Rockwall, participants are expected to attend all sessions. Participants should notify the Class Advisor(s) immediately if unable to attend. Only one excused absence is allowed for a class date. Participants with multiple absences or who are non-participatory in class project activities may be asked to withdraw from the program with no refund and will not graduate.

The LR program starts on August 24, 2017 and ends May 16, 2018. LR meets one full day per month, sessions are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the duration of the 9-month program.

August 24, 2017	Welcome Reception/Orientation
September 8-9, 2017	Mandatory Opening Weekend Retreat
October 10, 2017	Social Services, Non-Profit & Community Engagement
November 14, 2017	Education & Training Tomorrows Talent
December 12, 2017	Medical Matters (Holiday party to follow)
January 9, 2018	Rockwall County Dept. & Services/Culture & Community
February 27-28, 2018	Rockwall County Days – State Capitol Visit
March 20, 2018	Local Government & Economic Development
April 10, 2018	Quality of Life/Public Safety & Criminal Justice
May 8, 2018	Housing & Real Estate/Leadership Next Steps
May 16, 2018	Class of 2018 Graduation

I understand the requirements of the Leadership Rockwall program and if selected will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program and become an active member of the leadership Rockwall Alumni Association upon graduation. I also understand that I will be required to complete alternative assignments on any missed program days or portions of days. Additionally, I acknowledge that if I miss more than one class, I may be asked to withdraw from the program and no portion of the tuition will be refunded.

Each Leadership Rockwall class must complete a community service project that benefits a non-profit organization, city, town or district in Rockwall County and is sustainable by that organization. The class is responsible for creating, designing, implementing and completing their project, which must be approved by the Leadership Rockwall committee of the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. All class members are required to participate in their class project, which may include additional meetings, service hours, and other activities deemed necessary by the class members.

I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.

I understand that the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce, through its Leadership Rockwall program, selects participants in such a program based on a variety of considerations. Accordingly, I agree that the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce shall in no way be liable to me in the event I am not selected for participation in the program. Furthermore, said Chamber shall not be responsible or liable to me for any claim I might make based on my participation in the Leadership Rockwall program should I be accepted and participate.

I understand the commitment of the Leadership Rockwall program. If selected, I will devote the required time to the program and pay my tuition in full by the stated date.

Applicant Name (please print): _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Application must be received by July 20, 2017.
You can submit your application via mail or email.**

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