



DEADLINE
Friday, Aug. 24, 2018 12 pm
Weslaco Chamber
275 S. Kansas
Weslaco, TX 78596

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

LEADERSHIP MID VALLEY is intended for the following:

1. For persons who desire to further develop leadership skills and to become more knowledgeable about the Mid Valley: its opportunities and challenges.
2. For persons of leadership or influence in the Mid Valley community who are at a stage in their development when additional education or practical experiences can enhance their capacity to work for greater communication and understanding of community issues.
3. For persons who are committed to improving the quality of life in the Mid Valley area and to personal involvement in shaping its future.

TUITION AND FUNDING

If accepted into the LEADERSHIP MID VALLEY program the tuition will be \$500 for Chamber members; \$650 for non-members. Tuition may be paid by an employer, individual, or a sponsoring organization. LEADERSHIP MID VALLEY encourages candidates who are not accepted this year to apply the following year.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR LEADERSHIP MID VALLEY

The most important factor in selection is identifying those individuals most apt to utilize their leadership for the long-term benefit of the community.

Basic criteria are:

1. Selection of those individuals with a sincere commitment, motivation and interest to serve in the community.
2. Selection of those who have demonstrated commitment by past community activities or have a strong desire to become active in this community.
3. Selection of those interested in key volunteer leadership roles in civic and public affairs.
4. Selection of those with opportunities for advancement to top leadership positions within their own organization, which, in turn, may play a significant role in the community.
5. Selection of a cross section of participants from all sections of the community.
6. Selection of applicants who will commit to attend at least 7 of 9 sessions, including the opening retreat.
7. Selection of those 21 years of age and older.

Applicants should attempt to address these criteria in answering the questions on the application form

NAME (First, Middle, Last)		
HOME ADDRESS		
CITY/STATE/ZIP	TELEPHONE	E-MAIL
AGE	MALE / FEMALE	YEARS IN THE VALLEY AREA
BUSINESS	DATE BEGAN	TITLE
BUSINESS ADDRESS		
CITY/STATE/ZIP	TELEPHONE	E-MAIL

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Meetings begin in September and run through May. Sessions are usually held on the second Thursday of each month beginning promptly at **8 am and ending at 5 pm**, except the Retreat, which is on Friday afternoon and all-day Saturday. The schedule is as follows (subject to change):

Retreat, Sept. 28-29, 2018	January 10, 2019	May 9, 2019
October 11, 2018	February 14, 2019	May Graduation (TBD)
November 8, 2018	March 14, 2019	* An optional bonus session will be a trip to Austin TX and Texas Legislature
December 13, 2018	April 11, 2019	

Attendance to the initial retreat is mandatory for all class participants. Absences from more than two (2) classes are grounds for dismissal from class. Absence from class for fifteen (15) minutes will constitute a one-half day absence. If you and your employer are not able to make such a time commitment, it is not in your best interest to apply at this time.

Expectations:

- Participation in one class fund raiser.
- Participation in class project.
- Participation in Texas Onion Fest.

All applications are subject to confidential evaluation. If you are not selected to participate in the current leadership program, your biographical data will be retained by the committee for consideration of later enrollment.

Application deadline is Friday, August 24, 2018. All applicants will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance after **Friday, Sept. 14, 2018.**

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION TO: Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce P. O. Box 8398 Weslaco, TX 78599-8398 or email to: chamber@weslaco.com Include a copy of your Driver's License with this application	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE SIGNED
	Should the applicant be accepted by LEADERSHIP MID VALLEY, I understand that he / she will be taking time from the workplace to participate, and I agree with this arrangement.	
	SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYER, if applicable	DATE SIGNED

Have you applied for a Leadership program in the past? ___ yes ___ no

What year(s) _____

Where _____

Shirt Size: