



**LEADERSHIP
BROOKINGS**

BROOKINGS AREA CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

Leadership Brookings is dedicated to supporting the highest quality leadership preparation program for individuals with emphasis on specific skills and collaborative leadership seeking positive change in response to civic, governmental, business and industry challenges in the Brookings area.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

A. Leadership Brookings works to...

- ... identify and develop potential leaders;
- ... help potential and existing leaders sharpen their leadership skills and improve the effectiveness in interpersonal situations;
- ... create a sense of purpose for civic leadership and opportunities for civic involvement.

B. Program participants will:

- Be educated and motivated as leaders leading to greater involvement in the community.
- Experience personal and professional growth.
- Develop valuable relationships with classmates and current community leadership.
- Ready themselves for future leadership opportunities in their careers and community.

C. Employers and sponsoring organizations will:

- See benefits from the broadened perspectives and enhanced potential of participants.
- Open doors for greater corporate/organizational community involvement and visibility.
- Create additional opportunities to influence positive change.

D. The community will:

- Experience benefits through increased community involvement from participants.
- Reap future benefit from collective commitment to effective leadership by program graduates.

APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

A. Timeline

- Application deadline for the Leadership Brookings Class of 2021 is September 13, 2020 at midnight.
- Your application must be submitted electronically only; no other forms will be accepted.
- You will be notified via email by the end of September 2020 regarding whether or not you have been selected for the Leadership Brookings Class of 2021.

B. Eligibility

• Applicants must:

- Live and work in Brookings County for minimum of one year
- Have demonstrated a sincere commitment to and interest in the Brookings area
- Display evidence of mature judgement and exceptional leadership qualities
- Have demonstrated positions of leadership within their organizations or community
- Have the time available to participate in the *LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS* program and have the complete support of the company or organization she/he represents

The Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Brookings program seeks representation from all professional areas, including business, government, non-profit and volunteer sectors.

C. Deferral

- If you are invited to participate in Leadership Brookings 2021, you may not defer your selection to a subsequent year; instead, you must reapply for participation in subsequent classes. Without exception, deferral is not permitted.

_____ Applicant Initials

D. Tuition

- There is no application fee for Leadership Brookings
- Tuition for Leadership Brookings Class of 2021 is \$700 for Chamber members and their employees; tuition is \$800 for non-Chamber members and their employees.
 - Executive and Premier members have one Leadership Brookings participant's tuition included in their annual membership.
 - Pinnacle and Presidential level members have two Leadership Brookings participants' tuitions included in their annual membership.
- If selected for the program, the tuition is due by Friday, October 9, 2020 at 5pm. No refunds are available once the program has started.

E. Important Dates

- Participants are expected to attend all Leadership Brookings sessions in their entirety. The Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to drop any participant from the program who has more than one unexcused absence. Participants should expect sessions to run a full day; see below for extended times for Brookings/SDSU Day at the Capitol. Locations along with parking and transportation instructions will be provided the week prior to the start.

Application Deadline	Sunday, September 13, 2020 (midnight)
Participant Material Deadline	Friday, October 9, 2020 (5pm)
Program Acceptance Notification	By end of September 2020

Leadership Brookings 2021 Session Dates

Tuesday, October 20, 2020
Tuesday, November 17, 2020
Tuesday, December 15, 2020
****Wednesday, January 20, 2021****
Tuesday, February 9, 2021
Tuesday, March 9, 2021
Graduation TBD

***Wednesday, January 20, 2021 will be our annual "Brookings/SDSU Day at the Capitol"; expect a 6am bus departure; arrival back in Brookings late that same evening.*

F. Application Checklist

- Materials required for the application process include:
 - Completed application form
 - Letter of recommendation
 - Current résumé
 - Employer Signed Statement
 - Leadership Brookings Agreement Form

G. Participant Material

- If accepted into the program, participant will need to submit the following participant material by Friday, October 9, 2020 at 5pm:
 - Current headshot
 - Short professional biography
 - Written in third person;
 - 250 words or less;
 - May include as much or little personal information as participant desires.
 - Tuition



LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS 2021 APPLICATION

Name _____
First Last Middle I. Known As

Employer _____
Business/Organization Name Applicant's Title

Mailing Address _____
Street City Zip Code

Cell Phone Number: _____ Work Phone Number: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

AREAS OF INTEREST

Please check the 5 areas of leadership or service that are of **the most interest to you:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture + Value Added Ag | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts + Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Youth, Families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Boards + Committees | <input type="checkbox"/> City + County Operations | <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity + Minority Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care System + Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Infrastructure + Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Education Systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy + Politics | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business + Entrepreneurism | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism (Local Impact) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Development | | |

Please check the 5 areas of leadership or service that are of **least interest to you:**

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture + Value Added Ag | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts + Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Youth, Families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Boards + Committees | <input type="checkbox"/> City + County Operations | <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity + Minority Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care System + Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Infrastructure + Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Education Systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy + Politics | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business + Entrepreneurism | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism (Local Impact) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Development | | |

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

On a separate document, please answer the following questions (limit each question to 250 words or less):

1. Why would you like to participate in Leadership Brookings?
2. What do you believe is a significant issue or problem facing our community?
3. What do you consider to be your most important community, professional, or personal achievement(s)?
4. How do you feel your participation and knowledge gained will impact your leadership path, both personally and professionally?

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please include the following with your application:

- PROGRAM INFORMATION + APPLICATION
This document filled out in its entirety (including applicant initials at the bottom of pages 2-3)
- SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS
Answer 4 question from previous page on separate document and submit with application.
- RÉSUMÉ & LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
A current résumé and letter of recommendation must be submitted with the application. The résumé should include any civic, professional, and personal contributions you have made at the local, state or national levels.
- LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT FORM
A completed and signed Leadership Brookings Participant Agreement Form must be submitted along with the application. [Download this form here.](#)
- EMPLOYER STATEMENT FORM
A completed and signed Employer Statement Form from your business or organization indicating their understanding and support of the time commitment of your participation in the Leadership Brookings program is required with the application. [Download this form here.](#)

Direct questions to Cindy at the Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce office via phone (605-692-6125) or email (cindy@brookingschamber.org).

It is recommended that applications and supplemental material be emailed to Cindy at cindy@brookingschamber.org.

Applications may also be mailed or dropped off to the Chamber at the following addresses:
415 8th Street S, Brookings, SD 57006 (if receiving before September 1, 2020)
1321 6th Street, Brookings, SD 57006 (if receiving after September 1, 2020)

The final Application Deadline is (midnight) September 13, 2020.