

## Relance Acadie

*Revitalize Acadiana: A Regional Think Tank Model*

**Collaboration Purpose:** Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development executives will focus on positively impacting our regional economy while offering a strong opportunity for emerging leaders to grow professionally.

### **Vision Statement**

The Broussard Chamber of Commerce will convene a group of emerging leaders from across south Louisiana whose collective mission is to transform their respective communities while maintaining alignment with overarching regional economic development goals.

The driving force behind this work will be a group of thought leaders with strong economic development backgrounds who will utilize a think tank model to identify common regional issues. These thought leaders will choose one issue annually, challenge emerging leaders with diving deep into solutions around that common issue and guide the group in the implementation of solutions.

The 2020 program theme is **Relance Acadie**, which means Acadiana Revival. This is the first year of a four-year effort to develop a long-term, strategic vision for the revitalization of rural and suburban areas across a seven-parish area in south Louisiana. The inaugural **Relance Acadie** class will be tasked with studying successes within neighboring communities, producing a position paper outlining the results of their research and presenting plausible solutions to thought leaders who will support the implementation of these ideas within their respective communities.

The **Relance Acadie** program consists of monthly sessions held from March through December. These sessions are designed to develop and enhance critical leadership skills of leaders across south Louisiana. The theme-based program creates a practical application forum where the curriculum is applied to build individual leadership skills and enhance group leadership capacities.

The **Relance Acadie** program does not seek to replace or replicate other leadership programs, and the class will not duplicate efforts of other groups whose focus lies in similar areas. Rather, educational exercises incorporated into the curriculum will have a foundation in research published by other groups and subject matter experts will play a critical role in the overall process.

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### **Instructions**

Type or print in black ink. Please complete each section fully. Limit answers to the space available. Application must be signed by both applicant and employer or sponsoring organization (as applicable) and **received** by the BROUSSARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 108 Broad View Drive, Broussard, LA, 70518 by **close of business on December 13, 2019.**

### **Selection Criteria**

Participation in **Relance Acadie** is open to persons living or working in any of the seven parishes of Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin and Vermilion who possess a demonstrated ability to critically examine issues on a regional basis and actively engage in efforts important to the region. Applicants should have a demonstrated record of leadership in their respective businesses or other organizations. Although anyone possessing the above-mentioned criteria will be considered, preference will be given to graduates of regional legacy leadership programs. No more than 25 individuals will be selected to participate in the program. Applicants not selected this year may be nominated in subsequent years.

Participants will be chosen by a confidential selection committee based upon the information completed on this application. The committee will seek a diverse class but will not select participants based upon a predetermined apportionment system.

Applicants must have the full support of the organization or corporation they represent. Full tuition is \$1500 per selected member and is due within 30 days of selection.

Attendance at and engagement in each of the eight sessions is expected. Those who fail to attend or to actively participate may be asked to withdraw, with no refund or tuition.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

First Name or Nickname Preferred for Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street City Zip Code

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street City Zip Code

Home Phone \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Length of residence in south Louisiana \_\_\_\_\_

**II. EDUCATION**

Begin with high school, college(s), advanced degrees and/or specialized training.

A. Name and Location of School Dates (from-to) Degree Major

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B. Special Awards for Academic Performance

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C. Extracurricular Activities: Leadership positions held, special honors and awards received during school years, etc.

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**III. EMPLOYMENT**

Present Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Service Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Responsibility \_\_\_\_\_ Since \_\_\_\_\_

A. Briefly describe your responsibilities in your employment.

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

Employer Title/Responsibility From To

Employer	Title/Responsibility	From	To

C. What do you consider your highest professional achievement to date?

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D. Business/Professional Affiliations (if any)  
(Do not include civic organizations, public office or political activities.)

Name or Group Positions Held or Assignments Period of Affiliation

Name or Group	Positions Held or Assignments	Period of Affiliation

**IV. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

A. Include community, civic, religious, political, government, social, athletic, or other activities. Do not include business/professional activities. Include current major role in the organization.

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Describe \_\_\_\_\_

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Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Describe \_\_\_\_\_

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**IV. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (continued)**

Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Assignment/Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe \_\_\_\_\_

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Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Assignment/Position \_\_\_\_\_  
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Assignment/Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe \_\_\_\_\_

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- B. If you have additional significant community, religious, political, government, social, athletic or other areas of active involvement, please list below. If you have been graduated from another leadership program, please list.

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

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- D. What specific engagement have you had with critical public policy issues?

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- E. What plans do you have for your future in terms of your career, civic and community affairs?

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## VI. COMMITMENT

To graduate from the **Relance Acadie** program, a participant is expected to attend and engage in all sessions. Most of the below sessions are expected to last a full day, and are generally scheduled from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.

EVENT	DATE	PURPOSE
Session I	March 17, 2020	Orientation, data dump, welcome reception
Session II	April 14, 2020	St Landry Parish
Session III	May 19, 2020	Vermilion Parish
Session IV	June 16, 2020	Iberia Parish
Session V	August 18, 2020	St Martin Parish
Session VI	September 22, 2020	Acadia Parish
Session VII	October 20, 2020	Position Paper Development
Session VIII	November 17, 2020	Position Paper Presentation, Graduation Reception

### AGREEMENT:

*I understand the purpose of the Relance Acadie program and if I am selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to actively engage in each session. I am not participating and will not participate in other community leadership programs during the tenure of the 2020 Relance Acadie program. I understand the above commitment and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.*

Applicant Signature

Date

### VII. EMPLOYER COMMITMENT (if applicable)

This application has the approval of this organization and the applicant has our full support, which includes the time required to participate in the program.

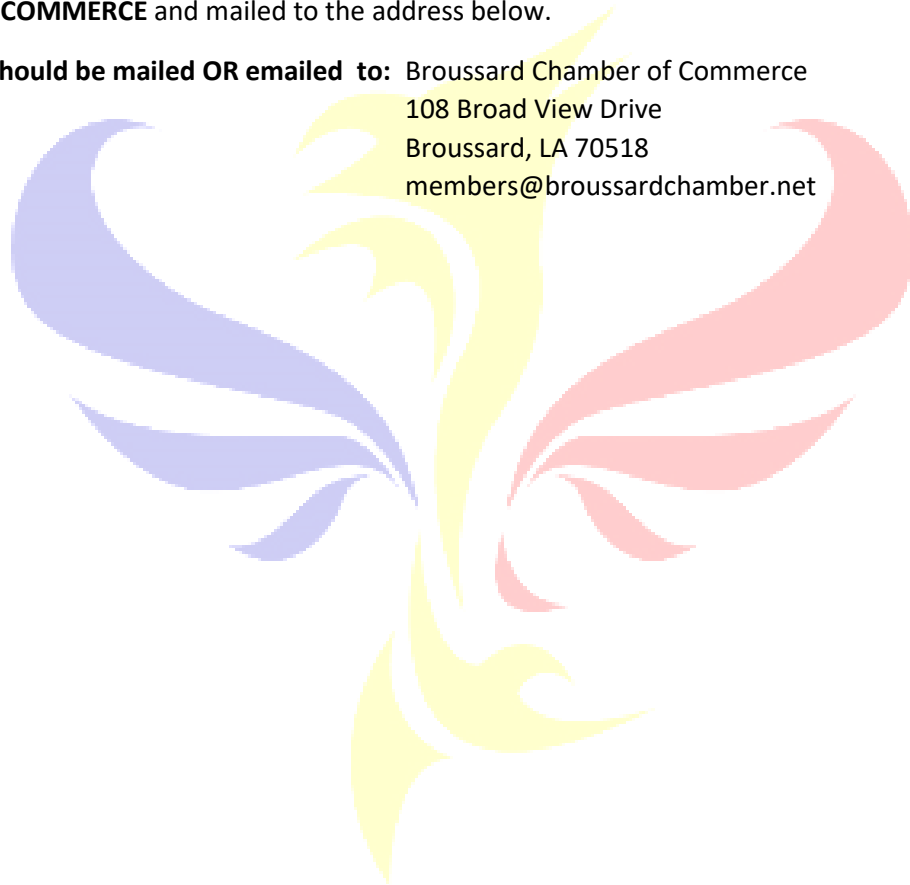
Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

## VIII. TUITION

If accepted into the **Relance Acadie** program, you or your employer/sponsor will be responsible for the tuition fee of \$1500, which covers all program costs. Costs include meals, required books, other reading material, supplies and graduation recognition. Checks should be made payable to **BROUSSARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** and mailed to the address below.

**Applications should be mailed OR emailed to:** Broussard Chamber of Commerce  
108 Broad View Drive  
Broussard, LA 70518  
[members@broussardchamber.net](mailto:members@broussardchamber.net)



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