



Class of 2017-2018 Application

Leadership Clayton is a leadership development program sponsored by the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce since 1972. Each year Leadership Clayton engages emerging and existing leaders in a nine-month program that broadens their knowledge of the issues, sharpens their leadership skills and challenges themselves and others to seek solutions to the issues affecting our communities.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must demonstrate leadership ability and possess a strong commitment to serve the community. Consideration will also be given to Clayton County Chamber of Commerce members in good standing. The Leadership Clayton program seeks diversity in the class make-up for representation of a broad cross-section of the community. The Leadership Clayton Advisory Board reviews and selects the class participants. A mini-interview session is required for the finalists of the program. The interview date is July 26, 2017.

I. BASIC INFORMATION (application must be typed; available at www.claytonchamber.org)

Name: _____
Last First MI Name preferred for name badge

Home Address: _____ Home Phone: _____
Number & Street

City State Zip DOB: _____

Correspondence Preference: Home Address Work Address Shirt Size (S to XXXL): _____

II. EMPLOYMENT

Present Employer: _____ Work Number: _____

Business Address: _____ Fax Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Type of Business: _____

Present Title or Position: _____

Describe your position and responsibilities: _____

Immediate Supervisor: _____

PAST EMPLOYMENT RECORD

Employer	Title	Period of Service
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS *(not including civic organization/activities)*

Name of Organization	Positions Held, Assignments or Awards	Period of Service
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

III. CIVIC INVOLVEMENT *(not including business/professional activities)*

Most Recent Community Role

Organization: _____

Assignment/Position: _____

Describe your responsibilities: _____

Please list, in order of importance to you, other community, civic, political, religious, social, and athletic or other organizations in which you have been active:

Name of Organization	Positions Held, Assignments or Awards	Period of Service
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

IV. REFERENCES *(At least one should be community related)*

Name	Company	Telephone Number
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

V. ESSAY

A. Identify one of the most important challenges Clayton County must meet in the years ahead. What suggestions do you have on how to meet the challenge?

B. What contributions do you expect to make to any such solutions?

C. What do you hope to gain from this program?

VI. SCHOLARSHIPS

We have limited need based tuition scholarships that are available, covering up to 50% of the program tuition. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, include a one page typed explanation why you feel deserving of scholarship funds. Please attach your request with your application.

Please be aware that all scholarship recipients are obligated to complete and graduate from the Leadership Clayton Program. If a recipient fails to complete the class requirements necessary to graduate, they will be responsible for paying for the scholarship awarded.

VII. COMMITMENT

Leadership Clayton requires a significant commitment of time and energy. Class sessions are held once a month either the second, fourth or fifth Tuesday from October through May.

A mandatory overnight kick-off retreat will be held on September 07 and 08, 2017. The class commencement ceremony will be held in June.

Additional participation includes completion of reading assignments, public service hours, community involvement, and planning and implementation of a group project.

If selected, do your employment and family obligations allow you to commit to full participation in the Leadership Clayton Program?

_____ YES _____ NO

Tuition for each Leadership Clayton participant is \$650 and is payable upon acceptance. Full payment must be received by August 18, 2017. Tuition is nonrefundable.

I understand the purpose and expectations of the Leadership Clayton Program. If selected, I will commit the necessary time and resources to complete and fulfill the requirements of the program. In signing this application, I understand and accept these commitments and agree to honor them. Your employer's signature authorizing your participation in the Leadership Clayton program is required, if applicable.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Employer's Signature

Date

Application Deadline – June 30, 2017

Please return to:
Clayton County Chamber of Commerce
2270 Mt. Zion Road, Jonesboro, Georgia 30236
or fax to (678) 610-4025
or email to mcolbert@claytonchamber.org

For additional information and program requirements, contact the Chamber at (678) 610-4021 or www.claytonchamber.org.