



# Leadership THOMAS

*Mission: "Identify, develop and educate a diverse group of leaders to ensure economic success for the Thomasville-Thomas County community."*

## WHO WE ARE

Leadership Thomas (LT) is a program of the Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce. LT cultivates a diverse network of emerging and experienced leaders committed to improving the community. With the support of LT graduates and the business community, LT has conducted leadership programs since 1981.

## BENEFITS

Participants will:

- Interact with leaders from the various sectors of our community (business, government, non-profit)
- Learn from "unlike" minded people to build strong professional relationships
- Develop an awareness and participate in discussions of the challenges and opportunities in the community by examining major relevant business, government and social issues
- Enhance understanding of your personal leadership style to grow into higher-level roles, both in the work place and in the community
- Deepen your company's profile with community, business and government leaders through visibility and commitment to community success
- Learn how you can make a difference in the Thomasville-Thomas County area

## TUITION - SCHOLARSHIPS - PAYMENT PLANS

- Tuition for Leadership Thomas is \$1,000 for Chamber members and \$1,500 for all non-members. Cash, check or credit card accepted. Tuition payment plans are available.
- Partial scholarships are offered based on need. Requests are submitted with the LT Class application.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Leadership Thomas seeks those candidates who:

- Demonstrate leadership attributes through career achievement or participation in community activities
- Represent a cross-section from businesses, government and non-profit organizations
- Reside and/or work in Thomasville-Thomas County
- Identify and analyze challenges considering various perspectives, then provide solutions
- Share personal/professional resources/expertise
- Value continuous learning and personal and professional development

## PROGRAM COMMITMENT

- Have full support from their sponsoring organization/business
- Give the time necessary to complete the program
- Maintain a personal commitment to Thomasville-Thomas County and to Leadership Thomas after graduation

## CURRICULUM

The program begins with orientation in June, followed by a weekend retreat in August, continues with 9 monthly sessions—Sept. through May—and a closing graduation in June. The sessions present activities and hands-on experiences related to leadership topics i.e.: economic development, government, the arts, healthcare, human services, justice, law enforcement and the environment.

## REQUIREMENTS

Attendance at the opening retreat and closing graduation is mandatory. Participants must attend monthly day-long sessions and participate in a class project.

- Class 37 Meet and Greet will be held **Thursday, July 25 2019 from 5 to 7 p.m.**
- Class 37 Opening Retreat will be held from **Friday, August 16 to Sunday, August 18, 2019**
- Class 37 Graduation will be **Thursday, June 11, 2020** (time TBD)
- Class 37 Session Dates (must attend 7 out of 9):
  - **Thursday, September 5, 2019**
  - **Thursday, October 3, 2019**
  - **Thursday, November 7, 2019**
  - **Thursday, December 5, 2019**
  - **Thursday, January 9, 2020**
  - **Thursday, February 13, 2020**
  - **Thursday, March 12, 2020**
  - **Thursday, April 9, 2020**
  - **Thursday, May 14, 2020**

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- Only 15 participants are selected on their own merit from written applications submitted to the Leadership Thomas Selection Committee.
- This application may be found online by visiting [www.thomasvillechamber.com/leadership](http://www.thomasvillechamber.com/leadership)
- **Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2019.**
- Applicants are notified in early May of acceptance. **Those candidates not accepted are strongly encouraged to re-apply in subsequent years.**

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

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**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:** Please follow these instructions carefully. Your application is the sole basis for consideration by the Selection Committee and failure to follow these instructions will adversely affect your standing in the selection process.

- Complete each section.
- **Applications can be either typed or hand-written.** Application should be submitted with a typed and signed Letter of Recommendation. Letter of Recommendation may be scanned and emailed with application or mailed/delivered to the Chamber with application. Limit responses in application to available space. Applications may be submitted electronically to [christina@thomasvillechamber.com](mailto:christina@thomasvillechamber.com) or mailed to PO Box 560, Thomasville, GA 31799. Hand deliveries go to the Chamber office at 401 South Broad Street.
- Only one letter of recommendation will be accepted. No other attachments will be considered.
- Application must contain recent photograph suitable for use in publications and for publicity in a digital format. Please email these to [christina@thomasvillechamber.com](mailto:christina@thomasvillechamber.com) with Leadership Thomas and your name in the subject line.
- All application materials—Application (including signatures by the applicant, employer, *and* Leadership Alumnus), Letter of Recommendation, and Photo—must be postmarked, emailed or hand-delivered to the Chamber by 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, April 1, 2019.**

**(APPLICATION BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)**

# LEADERSHIP THOMAS CLASS 37

Confidential Application due by 5:00 p.m. on APRIL 1, 2019

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## I. PERSONAL DATA

Date:

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last):

Name Called by:

Gender:

Date of Birth:

Length of Residence in Thomasville area:

Employer:

Title or position:

Description or type of organization:

Business Mailing Address:

(Street/box, city, zip code)

Business Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Email:

Date Employed:

General Responsibilities:

Home Address:

(Street, city, zip)

Home Phone:

Spouse:

Number of Children:

Interests:



Name:

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#### IV. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A. List up to five community, civic, religious, political, government, social, athletic, or other activities in which you have played an active role. Do not include business/professional activities.

Organization:	Assignment/Position:	Responsibilities:	Dates (from/to)
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B. List additional significant community, civic, religious, political, government, social, athletic or other areas of active involvement:

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

D. How much time each month do you commit to volunteer work?

E. List the kinds of volunteer activities in which you would like to become active in the future.

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



Name:

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## VI. REFERENCES

List two references who can attest to your present and/or potential leadership ability:

Name	Email	Phone

- Submit one letter of recommendation from someone other than the persons listed in Section VI., above.

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## VII. COMMITMENT

To graduate from **LEADERSHIP THOMAS**, a participant is expected to attend **ALL** sessions.

### PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT

I understand the requirements of **LEADERSHIP THOMAS** as outlined in the Fact Sheet (page 1 and 2 of application above) and if I am selected I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the class program and become an active member of the alumni group after graduation. I acknowledge that if I miss two sessions, the Leadership Thomas Committee will review my attendance and I may be asked to withdraw from the program and no portion of the tuition shall be refunded. I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.

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Applicant Signature

Date

### EMPLOYER COMMITMENT

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

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Signature

Date

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Printed Name and Title

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Company/Organization

### NOMINATING ALUMNUS

This application has the approval of myself and the candidate has my full support.

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Signature

Date

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Printed Name and Title

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Company/Organization



