



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, attend one: school board meeting, city council or county commission meeting, and participate in a class project.

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
- 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 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 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.**

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LEADERSHIP THOMAS CLASS 37

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

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:

II. EDUCATION

High School, College(s), advanced degree(s) and/or specialized training:

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

B. Extracurricular activities, leadership positions held, special honors and awards received during school years

III. EMPLOYMENT

A. List previous employment (include active military duty):

Employer Title/Responsibility Dates: (from/to)

B. What do you consider your highest career achievement to date?

C. Business/Professional Affiliations do not include civic organizations, public office or political activities:

Name of Group Positions Held or Assignments Dates: (from/to)

Name:

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:

V. GENERAL INFORMATION

One of the goals of Leadership Thomas is to establish relationships among community leaders who can enhance their leadership attributes and problem-solving abilities through shared perspectives and working together.

- A. Assess your personal leadership capabilities by describing a situation where you demonstrated leadership in the last 2 years.
- B. List three major challenges facing the Thomasville-Thomas County area today.
- C. Give your recommendations for addressing one of the above major challenges.
- D. What specific skills/knowledge do you hope to gain from your participation in Leadership Thomas?
- E. If you had the opportunity to address the Selection Committee and describe yourself and why you should be selected for Leadership Thomas, what would you say?

Name:

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.

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.

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.

Signature

Date

Printed Name and Title

Company/Organization

NOMINATING ALUMNUS

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

Signature

Date

Printed Name and Title

Company/Organization

TUITION - SCHOLARSHIPS - PAYMENT PLAN

If accepted into Leadership Thomas, it is your responsibility to make arrangements for tuition payment. You will be invoiced for the tuition fee, which covers all program costs and is non-refundable. Tuition will be paid by:

- Employer
- Participant
- Other (*please specify*)

Will you need a payment plan? ____ Yes ____ No

Will you need a scholarship to participate in the class program? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please complete the form below.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU ARE REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE). The LT Committee encourages scholarship requests. Every effort is made to grant at least a partial scholarship award, based on need. **Requests must be made on the scholarship application form and submitted with the LT application.** A payment plan for tuition may be arranged for the balance due and MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

Name:

Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Address:

Email:

Company:

Position:

Marital status:

Number of dependents (if applicable):

Will lack of a scholarship prevent you from participating in the class program? Yes No

Amount requested:

Will any portion of the participant's fee be paid by your employer? Yes No

In a brief statement below, please state why you should be awarded scholarship assistance: