

Leadership Sikeston 2021 Program Description/Expectations

Whether you are new to the Sikeston area or have lived here your whole life, Leadership Sikeston will help you discover what is happening in our community and how you can get involved.

About the Program

Leadership Sikeston is a program designed to empower members of our community with the tools, experiences and network to become our future leaders. This program will offer informative learning opportunities in an atmosphere that stimulates participants to use both new and proven tools to meet the opportunities of today and tomorrow.

Tours of local businesses and face-to-face discussions with existing community leaders provide participants with a unique opportunity to examine the dynamics of social, political and economic changes affecting our community.

Individuals who have a genuine interest in leadership, desire to learn, and want to become more involved are encouraged to participate in Leadership Sikeston.

Monthly Learning Sessions

The eight, full day sessions are typically held the second Thursday of each month from March to October. Session layouts may vary but will consist of active panel discussions, educational speakers, exciting tours, and meaningful group interaction. Established community leaders and professionals from area organizations and industry will participate in class sessions with the goal to inspire and provoke new thoughts and ideas.

In addition, class participants are highly encouraged to attend as many general membership activities as possible to maximize networking opportunities and to increase their community exposure.

A graduation ceremony will be held for those upon completion of the program.

Agendas for each session will be provided to all Leadership participants in advance with times and locations. Participants should be prepared to devote a full workday (8:30am to 5:00pm) to each session.

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Attendance

To ensure maximum benefit of the program, attendance at each session is required. If the need arises to miss more than one session, you will be permitted to make up that session the following year and graduate with the next class. We ask that you please notify the Chamber when you can't participate so that we may proceed accordingly.

COVID Precautions

Participants will have their temperatures taken upon arrival for each session. They will be required to comply with CDC guidelines of wearing a mask when social distancing is not possible and may be required to take additional precautions as required by the facilities we tour. **These precautions may change throughout 2021**

Dress Code

Business casual is acceptable dress for most class sessions. No t-shirts or ripped jeans allowed. Some sessions, such as Agriculture and Agri-Business and Industrial and Business Development, may call for appropriate footwear. However, it is recommended that you check each agenda for specific suggestions as they come available.

Class Roster

A complete directory will be provided. We highly recommend and support networking amongst program participants during Leadership Sikeston and after graduation.

Phone Calls

We kindly ask that you limit phone calls, text messages, and media usage during the sessions. Breaks are scheduled in each session to accommodate routine business needs. All cell phones and pagers should be placed on "silent" mode. Excessive absence from a session due to phone usage may be counted against your attendance.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in classrooms, at meals, and on public transportation vehicles.

Graduates

Graduates from the Sikeston Leadership Program may attend, free of charge, any subsequent sessions of Leadership Sikeston that they either missed, or their class did not participate/visit.