



# Leadership Sumter

The Next Step

Tuition is \$495 and for Chamber Members Only.

## Registration Form

### Applications are due by August 30, 2021

Participants may not miss more than one class to graduate. Attendance at the Leadership Sumter – The Next Step Retreat is mandatory to participate, September 16-17 in Columbia, SC.

You must be a resident of Sumter County or a resident of a county in South Carolina contiguous to Sumter and/or employed full-time in Sumter County. If employed, the candidate must have the endorsement of the local CEO (unless you are the owner) of his/her organization. The candidate must submit a letter of recommendation.

Submit completed application to [ariel@sumterchamber.com](mailto:ariel@sumterchamber.com) or drop off at the Chamber, 32 East Calhoun Street.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominator (If Applicable)

Are you the local CEO of your organization?

Are You Self-Employed?

If not, attach a signed CEO endorsement form

Yes  No

Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Work Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Email

Resident of Sumter County  YES  NO

Employed Full-Time in Sumter County  YES  NO

How Long Have You Lived/Worked in Sumter? \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Level of Education Completed \_\_\_\_\_

How Did You Learn About Leadership Sumter? \_\_\_\_\_

If employed, the candidate must have the endorsement of the local CEO (unless you are the owner) of his/her organization. **The candidate must submit a letter of recommendation to be attached on a separate sheet of paper.**

You and your employer's signatures below indicate that you both understand the following: (1) you (the applicant) can make the commitment and have the support of your employer and (2) all applicants cannot be chosen to participate. Please indicate you and your employer understand the attendance policy and selection process listed above by signing below: (both MUST sign).

I understand the purpose of the Leadership Sumter program and, if selected, I will allocate the time required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Community Activities

List activities in order of importance and indicate if you had a leadership role.

Organization	City/State	Year
Position, Committee, or Activity		
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\*Please List Any Additional Organizational Activities on a Separate Sheet and Attach.

List All Educational Accomplishments, Honors, and/or Special Recognitions \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Which Community Activities are Required for Your Employment? \_\_\_\_\_

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I Wish to Participate in Leadership Sumter Because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I Believe I Will Make the Following Contributions to the Sumter Area Over the Next Five Years: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Have you pled guilty or been convicted of a criminal offense?  YES  NO

Note: Omit minor vehicle violations and any offense committed before your 17th birthday, which was finally adjudicated in juvenile court or under a youthful offender law. Conviction of a criminal offense is not a bar to participation in all cases. Each conviction is evaluated individually.

If yes, please list charge(s) ; Where Convicted, Date, and Disposition/Status \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

List Any Additional Information That You Would Like the Selection Committee to Consider

## Local CEO Endorsement Form

Leadership Sumter is a program for the community, sponsored by the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce. Since Leadership Sumter is a community program, admission to Leadership Sumter will be based on the criteria stated on the first page of the Leadership Sumter application. Competition to participate in Leadership Sumter will be very keen.

**Applicant's Full Name & Job Title**

**Applicant's Employer**

**Beginning Date of Employment**

**Does the applicant currently hold a top management position or have the potential to advance to a leadership position?**

**Please Provide a Brief Description of Job Duties:**

**Is the applicant likely to remain in Sumter for the foreseeable future?**  YES  NO

**Leadership Sumter begins with an orientation in September and ends in May. The program consists of a two-day retreat in September and one two-hour session each month, October through May. Attendance is mandatory for the September Retreat and at least seven of the remaining eight sessions. Will you ensure that the applicant has the necessary time to participate?**

YES  NO

**Will Your Company Pay the \$495 Tuition for Your Applicant?**  YES  NO

**State why the applicant should be favorably considered** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature, Local CEO**

**Date**

**Submission Checklist:**  **Completed Application**  **\*Letter of Nomination**

**CEO Endorsement, if applicable**  **Scholarship Application (Optional. See Attached)**

\*Applicants may be nominated by your CEO, Supervisor, A Leadership Sumter Alumni, or an established businessperson in the community.

**NOTE: Race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, and handicap status are not part of the basic criteria and will not be considered in determining whether the applicant meets the basic criteria.**

### Leadership Sumter Scholarship Application (Optional)

A limited amount of partial scholarships are awarded up to 50% of the tuition for Leadership Sumter. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please complete this form and submit it along with your application.

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Name:

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Employer:

Why are you applying for this scholarship?

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In your own words define leadership and explain why it is important for leaders to be involved in the community.  
(Attach additional page(s) if necessary.)

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Would you be able to participate in Leadership Sumter if you did not receive a scholarship?  YES  NO

If you receive a scholarship and are successful in completing the program, would you serve on a committee to raise funds for future scholarships?

YES  NO