



Applications are due by August 31, 2022

Designed to prepare, tool, and enable participants to make an impact on the growth and vitality of the community, Leadership Sumter is a prestigious nine-month program that offers opportunities to sharpen leadership skills, develop knowledge, and focus on issues affecting our community. This special program includes a mandatory two-day retreat, eight sessions, and a graduation ceremony.

Applicant Requirements

Program Cost: \$495

- Must be an active member of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce
- Resident of Sumter County or a resident of a county in SC contiguous to Sumter and/or employed fulltime in Sumter County.
- If employed you must have the endorsement of the local CEO (unless you are the owner) of your organization.
- Letter of recommendation
- Must be able to attend the overnight retreat **September 8-9, 2022**
- Must attend SEVEN out of the EIGHT monthly meetings, not including the program retreat
 - *Barring a death in family, or other serious occurrence, if you do not meet the above requirements you will not graduate Leadership Sumter and you will not receive a refund of any kind.*

Retreat Dates

September 8-9, 2022

Program dates:

October 20, 2022

January 19, 2023

April 20, 2023

November 17, 2022

February 16, 2023

May 18, 2023, Graduation

December 15, 2022

March 16, 2023

**Dates may be subject to change*

Please submit completed application to breanna@sumterchamber.com or drop off at the Chamber, 32 E Calhoun Street.

Applicant Name

Employer

Title

Nominator (If Applicable)

Are you the local CEO of your organization?
If not, attach a signed CEO endorsement form

Are you self-employed?

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?

Your signature below indicates that you understand the following: (1) You (applicant) can make the commitment and have the support of your employer and (2) all applicants cannot be chosen to participate. *Local CEO's Endorsement form can be found on page 4.*

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

Applicant's Signature

Date

Community Activities

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

Organization

City/State

Dates active

Position/Committee

Description of duties/involvement

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Please list any additional organizational activities on page 5 of this document

List all educational accomplishments, honors and/or special recognitions _____

Which community activities are required for your employment? _____

Why do you wish to participate in Leadership Sumter: The Next Step? _____

What contributions do you anticipate or would like to make to the Sumter community in the next five years? _____

Have you pled guilty or been convicted of a criminal offense?

Yes

No

Note: Omit minor vehicle violations and any offense that falls under the youthful offender law. Conviction of a criminal offense is not a bar to participation. Each conviction is evaluated individually.

If yes, please list charge(s); Location of Conviction, Date, and Disposition/Status:

List any additional information you would like the Selection Committee to consider in regards to your criminal offense: _____

Local CEO Endorsement Form

Due to the time commitment, as mentioned above, if employed the candidate must have the endorsement of their local CEO (unless you are the owner) of his/her organization.

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 be paying the \$495 for tuition for your applicant? Yes No

Please state why the applicant should be favorably considered: _____

Signature of local CEO

Date

Submission Checklist:

Completed Application

*Letter of Nomination

CEO Endorsement, if applicable

Scholarship Application (Optional See attached)

***Applicants may be nominated by their CEO, Supervisor, a Leadership Sumter Alumni, or an established business person in the community. Applicants should submit their letter of recommendation with their Leadership Sumter Application. An application submitted without a letter of recommendation is incomplete and the applicant cannot be considered for the program.**

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.

Additional Organization activities:

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Position/Committee		
Description of duties/involvement		

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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.

Applicant Name

Employer

Why are you applying for this scholarship? _____

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

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**

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